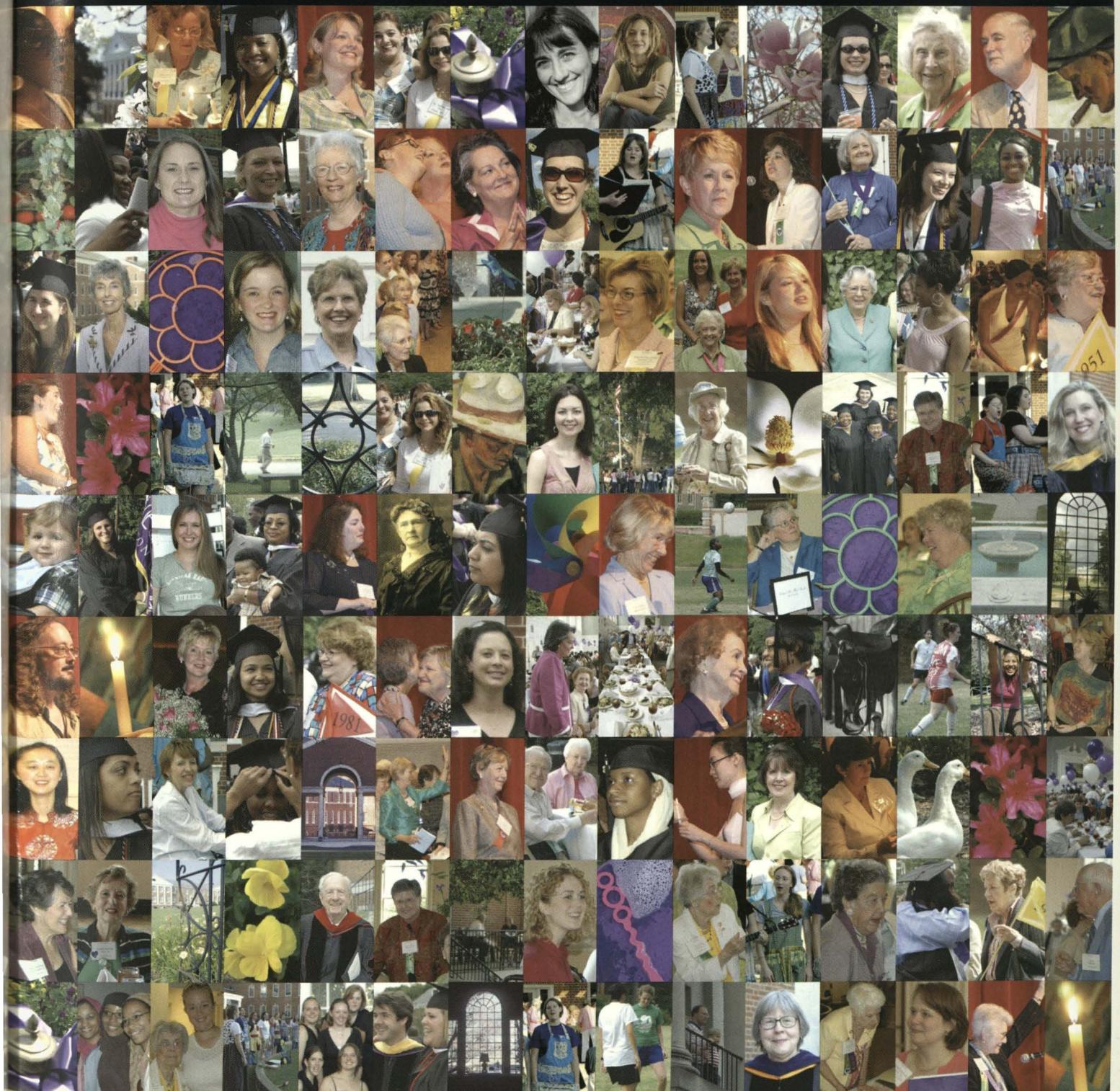




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# From the President...

Welcome to the Fall 2006 edition of the Wesleyan Magazine, celebrating the accomplishments and new beginnings of our most recent graduates, the award of honorary degrees to two of Wesleyan's dearest friends, the recognition of another group of exemplary alumnae during our annual gathering of reunion classes, the installation of our dedicated board of alumnae leaders, and even the unexpected teaching skills of our award winning horses at the equestrian center!

We also are excited to share recent and timely national news released from the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research (IUCPR) suggesting that students at women's colleges are better served than their peers at coeducational institutions. Jillian Kinzie, associate director of the IUCPR and a visitor to our campus last year, led a group of IUCPR researchers to conduct the study that is summarized in this edition. Among the group's findings is that students at women's colleges spend more time on productive activities and gain more from their college experiences than do their counterparts at coeducational institutions.

In real life terms, at a time when some women's colleges are facing the need to make dramatic changes, we at Wesleyan see every day exactly what this study validates, making us more convinced than ever of the rightness and relevance of our mission. Our students are engaged, learning to think through issues rather than simply absorbing facts. They conduct research alongside their professors. They participate in a myriad of campus activities that teach them cooperation, leadership, and responsibility. They have fun, and they continue to build friendships that will last forever. We give you snapshots of five recent graduates representing our most popular majors in this edition. One claims, *"The fact that Wesleyan is a women's college kept me focused and motivated to achieve only the best."* Indeed, as Miss Munck would say!

The graduates I have known over the past four years have gone on to an impressive array of graduate schools and professions because we have done our job in preparing them. With the recent groundbreaking for the Munroe Science Center, we have given much well deserved attention to the growing number of Wesleyan's science students. In May, 15 biology and 7 chemistry majors walked across the Porter Auditorium stage to receive their degrees, and almost all of them have gone on to graduate or medical schools. We are extraordinarily proud of our science and math scholars, who prove all over again that women can "do" science quite well, thank you!

One of those scientists changed course just a bit and decided on a career in law, joining many others who recently have chosen the field I found so fulfilling. Wesleyannes are now studying at prestigious law schools like Harvard, Duke, Vanderbilt, and Northwestern. A couple even chose my "other" alma mater – the University of Georgia. This particular group of students is striking for several reasons, including their varied backgrounds and cultures, their academic excellence, and their reasons for going to law school in the first place.

One spent much of her time at Wesleyan in service activities, especially at the Methodist Home for Children and Youth and at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table. She has seen the needs of families and children in our area, and she wants to help them by working in juvenile and family law. Law helps her combine her personal goals with her professional aspirations — and dedicate herself to serving her community. Another young friend comes from a country of great beauty but one that is marred by crime, political violence, and corruption at all levels. She sees a growing discontent in her homeland, and she wants to help find solutions. In her words, "A law degree will not only sharpen my problem-solving skills but also equip me with the tools to initiate positive change."

Now I recognize these youthful aspirations might change, but the point is still valid. Today's young women are taking away from Wesleyan a truly first-rate academic experience, one in which they have been actively engaged as thinkers and doers. And no less important is the fact that they also are taking to heart the lessons of service and leadership they have learned here — and that many of us learned here as well. They are determined to use their careers to build lives in service to others.

*Our students get it* — they are well prepared, they are purposeful, they are confident, and they want to make the world better. Following the examples of all those alumnae featured in this edition, they, too, are becoming Wesleyan Women — women who, with intelligence, compassion, grace and good humor, are committed to academic excellence, are grounded in faith and shared values, and are called by a sense of higher purpose to serve their families, communities, and the world. Indeed!

# Or stay green



## Wesleyan Honors 2, Graduates 143

North Carolina Poet Laureate and Wesleyan alumna Kathryn "Kay" Stripling Byer '66 returned to her alma mater as the 2006 commencement speaker in May, capturing the attention of the College's 143 graduates with an inspiring call to action.

Commemorating the occasion with a poem written for the class of 2006, Kay challenged the women of Wesleyan to recognize the authenticity and vitality currently within them and to find the courage, *Coraggio*, to retain these precious qualities as they leave the safety of Wesleyan sisterhood.

"When I was your age, I wrote a weekly column for the campus newspaper entitled *Caustic Cogitations*, an irreverent look at issues on the Wesleyan College campus," she said. "After one particularly critical piece, a faculty member—using a line from Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*—scolded me. In my later years, she claimed, I would regret 'my salad days when I was green in judgment.' I stand here today to tell you that I do not regret my green-growing days; for, like Federico Garcia Lorca, I would declare—as he sang in his *Romance Sonambulo*—'Verde, que te quiero verde.' Or, to quote my own lines from the

poem I have written for you: 'Forty years later I've come back to say, simply, always be ready to welcome the green, all that's *verde* within you. Have the courage of your *corazón*, have *esperanza*, a little French *insouciance*... That green wind I wanted to follow is right here today, on the thirteenth of May. So, cup it awhile in your fingers and listen: your voice, the breath of it lifting its brave *canción*."



Following the address, Wesleyan Board of Trustees Chairman Thomas L. Bass presented Kay with an honorary doctor of literature degree citing her willingness to share her time, talent, and treasures with the

Wesleyan community. Now

a resident of North Carolina, Kay was appointed by Governor Michael Easley in 2005 to serve a two-year renewable term as ambassador of the state's literature. As poet laureate, she fosters the literary community of her home state through the design of long-term programs and projects of special interest using resources from the North Carolina Arts Council and other partners. She also participates in public events and writes poems commemorating occasions of historic or cultural importance. She is the state's fifth poet laureate and the first female to hold the post.

In the first rank of contemporary poets, Kay Byer has been recognized both regionally and nationally for her work. She is the author of five published collections of poetry, including *Wildwood Flower*, the 1992 Lamont Poetry Selection from the Academy of American Poets. Additionally, she has received the Brockman



Campbell Book Award, the Thomas Wolfe Award, and the Ann Sexton Poetry Prize. In 2001 she received The North Carolina Award for Literature, the highest honor a citizen of that state can receive, according to Governor Easley.

She has also received fellowships from both the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Carolina Arts Council. As an artist-in-residence she has taught at six colleges and schools.

Through the presentation of an honorary degree, Wesleyan College desires to honor individuals for careers of extraordinary accomplishment that benefit society through intellectual, professional, and public service contributions consistent with the mission of the College.



Wesleyan College also presented Atlanta attorney Randolph William Thrower with an honorary doctor of laws degree during the commencement exercises. He has guided the college since 1960 as a trustee, serving eight of those years as chairman of the board.

Wesleyan President Ruth Knox said of

Randolph Thrower earlier this year during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Munroe Science Center, "He remained active on our board until the last year or so, often finding precisely the right phrase — with just the right amount of humor, and with perfect delivery. He has served as a talented, dedicated, and involved steward of the College, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for that gift of his time and expertise."

With an exemplary career spanning seven decades, he stands as one of the preeminent lawyers in the



*"Verde, que te quiero verde."*

—Federico Garcia Lorca

# Coraggio

*for the class of 2006, Wesleyan College, May 13, 2006*

When the soprano rehearsing  
Traviata's impassioned "Sempre Libera"  
missed yet another high E-  
flat, the conductor looked up from his baton  
and challenged, *Coraggio, Madam, Coraggio!*

Courage!

What better word

could I offer as you take your leave  
of this place that has gathered you  
into its sisterhood?

Sometimes I still hear its voices  
exhorting me: don't you forget  
how you sat on the grass  
outside Wortham dorm,  
smoking too many cigarettes,

longing to find your way  
into that poem you recited in Spanish class,  
Lorca's *verde viento* that blew  
through the classroom  
like wings roused from slumber.

Forty years later I've come back  
to say, simply, always be ready to welcome  
the green, all that's *verde* within you.  
Have the courage of your *corazón*,  
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*today*, on the thirteenth of May,  
so cup it awhile in your fingers  
and listen: *your* voice,  
the breath of it lifting its brave *canción*.

~ Kathryn Stripling Byer, Class of 1966



United States. His career with the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan began in 1936. He has remained with the firm to this day — leaving only for service to his country as a Special Agent in the FBI (1942-1943), captain in the U.S. Marine Corps (1944-1945), and United States Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (1969-1971).

A highly regarded member of the legal profession throughout the United States, he has held numerous national offices including president of the American Bar Foundation, member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates, chair of the Section of Taxation, member of its Task Force on Minorities in the Law and on the Council of the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, and advisory member of the ABA Council of the Fund for Justice and Education.

Randolph Thrower has contributed to the Atlanta community by serving as president of the Atlanta Bar Association, the Atlanta Lawyers Club, and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. His contributions to the state include service as a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on the Involvement of Women and Minorities in the Profession, as chair of the Georgia Wilderness Institute, as president of the Metropolitan Atlanta and Georgia Mental Health Associations, and as chairman of the Fulton County Advisory Board on Mental Health.

Wesleyan College awarded degrees to 143 graduates, including 129 candidates for the bachelor of arts degree, 10 candidates for the bachelor of science in business administration, and 4 candidates for the master of arts.

## Commencement Speaker 2006

Wesleyan alumna and North Carolina's Poet Laureate Kathryn Stripling Byer '66 often speaks and teaches workshops on the Wesleyan campus. In addition to her commemorative poem for the 2006 graduating class, she also served as the Inaugural Poet in 2004 commemorating President Ruth Knox's inauguration as the College's first alumna president with the poem "The Still Here and Now."

After earning a bachelor's degree with a major in English from Wesleyan College in 1966, she later earned a master of fine arts degree in writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is the author of several award winning collections of poetry, including *Black Shawl*, *Wildwood Flower*, *The Girl in the Midst of Harvest*, *Alma: Poems*, and *Catching Light*. Her poems and essays have appeared in many periodicals and anthologies. Basing much of her work on her heritage as a southerner and the area in which she lives, Kay Byer brings to life the stories of women and the lives they lead.



# five faces representing the class of 2006

*In May, 129 new graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan — 20 percent of those with double majors. Despite a statewide increase in unemployment during May, more than half of Wesleyan's graduates immediately secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs by commencement. Top majors for 2006 were: biology/ chemistry (12.4%), psychology (12.4%), business administration (13%), communication (11.6%), and early childhood education (8.5%). When polled in May, 73 percent of early childhood education majors had already secured teaching positions for this fall. Those positions also garnered the highest average starting salaries, making this major the most marketable for 2006 Wesleyan grads.*

*While the numbers are interesting to analyze, the real stories are the students themselves. Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produced graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet recent graduates representing five major academic areas; we guarantee these are ones to watch.*



## ihunanya mbata: science

Interest in Wesleyan's science programs continues to rise as the foundation is literally poured for the new Munroe Science Center, a poetic reminder about building a successful future investment. One recent graduate, Ihunanya Mbata '06, claims the essence of our successful science programs lies in the focus on the human element.

This *summa cum laude* graduate earned her bachelor's degree with a double major in biology and chemistry (4.0 GPA). Four years ago, she accepted an academic scholarship and came to Wesleyan, just 16 years old, after graduating from Macon's Westside High School. Larger institutions recruited Ihunanya, but she recalled "my mom felt that I was too young to go away—a decision I did not appreciate at the time." Now, she credits her parents for most of her achievements, acknowledging their constant support and guidance.

This fall she heads to Bethesda, Maryland, to accept a one-year research assistantship at the National Institutes of Health. "I will be working in molecular immunology researching autoimmune diseases at the NIH's national institute of allergy and infectious disease," she said.

As an honors program graduate, she completed a thesis addressing the effects of all-trans retinoic acid on proliferation in pregnant human myometrial cells, building upon the research of former graduates. She has already presented her research nationally, and in March won the best oral undergraduate presentation in biomedical sciences at the Georgia Academy of Science meeting in Atlanta.

A 2004 summer program in New York hosted by Cornell, Rockefeller, and Sloan-Kettering introduced Ihunanya to research, although she was influenced by her father's research and work as a biology professor on the faculty of Fort Valley State University.

In addition to research this year, Ihunanya will study for the MCAT to gain entrance into medical school. Her future plans include four years of medical school, plus two additional years of research. Then, she said, "I would possibly pursue a humanitarian experience like the Doctors Without Borders program, perhaps someday returning to Nigeria."



## stephanie griffis: education

Shaping the minds of tomorrow's youth is, according to Stephanie Griffis '06, a noble calling and one she plans to embrace fully this fall as a third grade teacher at Lake Joy Elementary in Warner Robins, Georgia. She said simply, "It's my dream job."

After working four years with the children of a local after-school and summer program, this *magna cum laude* graduate is prepared to meet the challenges of her own classroom. "Third grade is actually a critical year in elementary school," she said. "With Georgia's CRCT testing requirements, students *must* pass the reading portion of the test to advance to the next grade."

Stephanie transferred from Macon State College at the beginning of her junior year and commuted to school and work each day from nearby Crawford County. Even though she wasn't a resident student, Stephanie said "I experienced things through attendance at Wesleyan that wouldn't have been possible at a larger school." Integrative learning experiences like field trips made a difference for this student. "Once we went to Edisto, South Carolina, for the weekend with Dr. Carson to study the impact of hurricanes on a barrier island. The trip was meant to show us how to integrate social studies, science, and language arts. But for me, it was more than just a field trip; the experience really helped me think about how I could incorporate hands-on activities into a traditional classroom curriculum," she said.

Now that she has earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education, Stephanie plans to research options to pursue a master of education. Until then, she will focus on implementing much of what she learned at Wesleyan in her own classroom. Citing smaller class size and accessible teachers as important ways to change education in Georgia, she said, "My three main faculty contacts-Drs. Pritchard, Carson, and Sheftall-were so accessible. I felt completely comfortable going to them for assistance. Small classes and even classroom seating arrangements where students sit in a circle rather than rows are important ways to engage learners."

Working in an elementary school while completing her degree offered Stephanie the opportunity to immediately practice theoretical early childhood education concepts. Although she claims to have been too intimidated to speak up in class when she began at Wesleyan, she is now confident and enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge and influencing the future.

## latoya stewart: psychology

Psychology was another top major at Wesleyan for 2006. One that Latoya Stewart '06, a recent *magna cum laude* graduate with departmental honors, chose as preparation for an enriching career. Equipped with an undergraduate degree, she now heads to Michigan State University to pursue a doctorate in school psychology. Upon completion of the graduate program, Latoya plans to serve in the public school system where she intends to utilize a scientist-practitioner approach to develop and implement evidence-based intervention programs for children at risk of school-based problems.

"Today's children and adolescents are increasingly characterized by problems ranging from a lack of self-confidence to an increased likelihood of experimenting with drugs and alcohol. As a result, there is a growing need for school psychologists. These observations as well as my desire to always try to make a situation better are my greatest motivations to become a school psychologist," said Latoya.

In order to fulfill that desire, she intends to focus on factors that affect learning, academic performance and classroom behavior. Latoya believes a doctoral degree in school psychology will provide the background necessary to improve the academic, social, and emotional functioning of children and youth, plus help her collaborate with teachers and parents to create better learning environments.

"As a school psychologist and an ethnic minority," she said, "I will be better equipped to improve tolerance and understanding of cultural diversity in the school system. Since minorities are underrepresented in the field of school psychology, my addition to such an important group of professionals will be beneficial. A more culturally diverse group of school psychologists will be better able to serve the children and youth of this country which is a melting pot of many different cultures."

Latoya feels well prepared; and for that, she credits Wesleyan's rigorous psychology curriculum, small class sizes which "create a sense of community and teamwork," and supportive faculty members. "The fact that Wesleyan is a women's college kept me focused and motivated to achieve only the best. Wesleyan's cultural diversity helped me become a more well-rounded, well-exposed and tolerant individual," she said.



## lindsay rosenquist: international relations

Perhaps the fields of science and education share a common denominator of service to others, but one might expect students studying economics and business to focus solely on the bottom line. According to recent graduate Lindsay Rosenquist '06, "There are more leadership opportunities on a smaller campus, which helps prepare you for something more purposeful — community leadership instills a greater sense of responsibility."

Originally from Santa Ana, California, Lindsay graduated *summa cum laude* with a major in international relations and minors in business and economics. As an honors program graduate, she presented a thesis entitled "Why the States Should Join the International Criminal Court," exemplifying how she intends to influence change nationally by looking internationally.

Her perspective was broadened in 2005 when she received the prestigious and newly established Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Scholarship to study in Berlin during summer semester. After four weeks at an intensive language school, she interned for six weeks in the law department of a German lobbying firm translating legal documents for the European parliament.

As the recipient of a Wesleyan honors program research fellowship, she was also awarded honors credit for her independent research while abroad. "I studied the economic impact of Hartz IV on the profession of prostitution in Germany since it's legal there. I talked to prostitutes on the street and also in brothels. It was a very interesting experience," said Lindsay.

"After the study abroad experience I knew I wanted to pursue a master's degree in economics, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to focus on American politics or international politics," she continued. "Researching prostitution, I realized issues are global. I studied only women in Germany, although most of the women I spoke with weren't even German. They often crossed the border from other eastern European countries to escape poverty or violence. It's just an example of how everything is so integrated. You have to look at the big scale to solve national problems."

Finishing her Wesleyan coursework a year earlier than expected, Lindsay begins graduate study under the Masters International Program this fall. "I'll be at Illinois State University as a graduate research assistant for the first year. Then, the Peace Corps will place me in an area where I'll be working with non-government organizations on economic and political related community development projects," she said.

At the end of the three-year experience, Lindsay will have earned a master of arts in political science with concentration in community development plus a master of science in economics with concentration in international trade.



## christine morana: studio art

Although more than half of our 2006 graduates polled in May had specific plans to advance their careers, some grads were still unsure of that next step. But don't be fooled — Christine Ann Morana '06, like many of those with no specific plans, advances full-force into the real world. She graduated in May *magna cum laude* with a double major in advertising & marketing communication and studio art. She has not been offered a job in her field yet and admitted that the impending loan repayment responsibilities may become stressful. She'll worry about that tomorrow.

As an artist, she photographs and paints landscapes; which explains why, in July, she embarked on an adventure to take in the landscapes of areas she's never seen before. Since December, she's been planning a two-month road trip around the US with a high school friend. They've budgeted \$2,200 for the entire 60-day trip and plan to travel about 10,000 miles. Christine used an internet resource called Facebook to find old friends around the country and to help plan the seventeen stops where they hope to stay free with friends and family members in various states.

From Florida, they first stopped in Atlanta and then backtracked to Macon. Next stop, she said, "is out West from here. Our trip includes Vail, Colorado; Cheyenne, Wyoming (we'll camp at Yellowstone); Walla Walla, Washington (visiting an old PK there); Seattle; San Francisco; Los Angeles; the Grand Canyon; San Antonio, Texas; Baton Rouge, Louisiana (three Wesleyan friends at LSU); Montgomery, Alabama (have to time this for August 5th because my Wesleyan big sister Amy Milano is getting married); Charlotte, North Carolina; Washington DC; NYC; Massachusetts; Akron, Ohio; and then... home."

*Read more about her stop in Macon in Campus News.*

# NEW STUDY FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY FINDS WOMEN'S COLLEGES ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO HELP THEIR STUDENTS

*"Women's colleges foster an environment that fuels women's understanding of self and others, a willingness to work with others and the development of skills associated with career success and leadership."*

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The predominance of women in undergraduate education may lead people to mistakenly believe that there is no longer any need for women's colleges. However, a study by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research (IUCPR) suggests that students at women's colleges are better served in their educational pursuits than their peers at coeducational institutions. In addition, educational gains made by students at women's colleges counter claims — such as those made by former Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers — that women lag behind their male counterparts in subjects like math, science and engineering.

Jillian Kinzie, associate director of the IUCPR and National Survey of Student Engagement Institute for Effective Educational Practice, and a group of IUCPR researchers conducted the study. The study relied on data from the NSSE, a survey of college students that assesses the extent to which students engage in educational practices associated with high levels of learning and development. The researchers found that students at women's colleges spend more time on productive activities and gain more from their college experience compared with women at coeducational institutions. For example:

- First-year students and seniors at women's colleges report challenging academic experiences and more integrative learning;
- First-year students at women's colleges perceive greater support for success;
- Women's colleges are more "transfer-friendly";
- Women's colleges support high student-faculty interaction leading to positive educational differences for women students;
- Classroom conditions at women's colleges encourage first-year students and seniors to collaborate more with peers, actively participate in class, and integrate ideas;
- Women's colleges foster an environment that fuels women's understanding of self and others, a willingness to work with others and the development of skills associated with career success and leadership.

Of particular significance was the study's finding regarding how women's colleges help their students develop quantitative skills and facilitate opportunities to interact around differences. Also, first-year students and seniors at women's colleges scored higher on the NSSE measures of active and collaborative learning and interacted more often with faculty and participated in more integrative learning. These activities require integrating acquired knowledge, skills, and competencies into a meaningful whole.

Presidents of several women's colleges have praised Kinzie and IUCPR's study. Esther Barazzone, president of Chatham College in Pittsburgh, said the study supports a popular belief that students from women's colleges attain a greater number of prominent leadership positions and more responsibility than women who attend coeducational institutions.

"Sometimes it has been thought that this was due only to the fact that women in these settings are given greater personal aspirations," Barazzone said. "The NSSE studies, however, help highlight other reasons for this phenomenon, which have more to do with the academic environment of these institutions."

The IUCPR is committed to conducting additional research on the differences between women's colleges and coeducational institutions. Beyond the questions on the main NSSE survey instrument, a consortium of women's colleges added a set of questions that specifically addressed women's issues and development. These questions focused on issues ranging from a woman's confidence and interest in graduate study to the study of women's issues and degree of challenge.

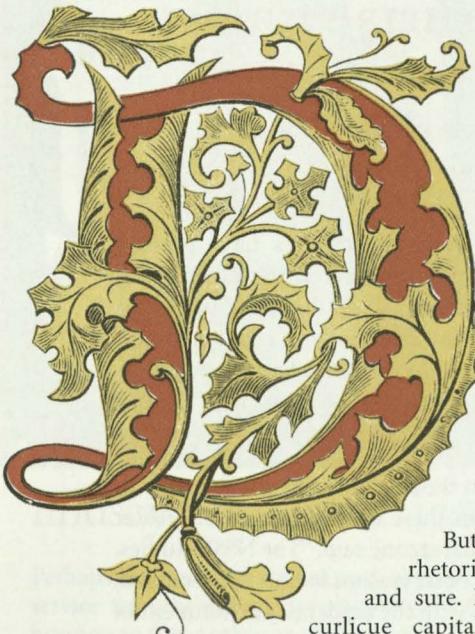
The study's findings are of particular interest to educational policy leaders who have the ability to shape the future of women's colleges. Administrators at women's colleges are frequently challenged to demonstrate their school's effectiveness and the advantages of attending a same-sex school. Kinzie's research will help administrators at women's colleges demonstrate that women who attend same-sex colleges have an advantage over their peers who attend coeducational institutions.

"There hasn't been much recent research comparing women's college experiences," Kinzie said. "This research looks at the quality of the whole experience, and it clearly demonstrates the quality of the learning environment at women's colleges. We need to re-educate every generation about why we have these institutional types."

The study also dispels the notion that students at all women's colleges are at a disadvantage because there are no men, Kinzie said. She added that those students looking to be supported and empowered as women in an intellectually challenging environment should look at women's colleges.

# 19th Century Voices

*Call from the Basement: dusty compositions offer a rare window  
into the minds of educated women.*



But Sarah is not gone. Her rhetorical voice is lively, strong, and sure. Her handwriting, with its curlicue capitals and careful spacing, unscrolls across yellowed composition paper in even lines of still readable sepia ink. Her paper, twelve pages edged in gold, is held together at the inside fold with a rusted straight pin and frayed satin ribbon.

The paper is one of some sixty-five Wesleyan student junior and senior compositions dating from 1845 to 1907. These original, handwritten manuscripts, gathered together from many sources, form one of many potentially rich archives in the Wesleyan library.

The earliest papers of the collection, of the late 1840's, start right off with that stunning penmanship they all have filling up the first page. By the mid-1860's a cover page is added, often with elaborate calligraphy, sometimes with illuminated letters. By the late 1860's the papers are gathered at the top by two metal brads, so they open like a stenographer's notebook. By the mid 1870's the brads, which have holes in the center, are strung with more and more elaborate silk and satin ribbons. Some are long enough so one can imagine the strands dangling and swaying dramatically as the composition is held and read from during the graduation program. (In the nineteenth century Wesleyan graduation ceremonies lasted for THREE days—and no air conditioning!)

By the late 1870's official printed covers are used. The first in this format, by Carrie A. Hill, Class of 1877, has an etching of the original College Street building, surrounded by the words "Wesleyan Female College." Above that is the commencement date and below are the words "composition by" with the personal signature of the student. The first paper in the collection to have an etching of the Victorian building on College Street belongs to Fannie E. Cheatham, Class of 1884.

Charming as this collection is visually, its content will surely draw scholars interested in nineteenth century thought, in the history of education, and in Southern cultural studies. Perhaps most important, however, might be their use by

ownstairs in Wesleyan's Willet Memorial Library, many women's voices speak to us across the ages. For example, Class of 1851 valedictorian Sarah Hines says, at the close of her graduation speech, "Classmates, sisters, instructors, my task is finished, my errand done... My aching heart can do no more than to wish each of you the best blessing Heaven can confer, and my lips breathe to each of you a last lingering fond farewell."

feminist historians. Here, in unique primary source material, is a rare window into the minds of educated nineteenth century women.

Even Wesleyan's unique history may be enriched. Most of the histories of the college so far seem to stress the institutional politics of the founding Methodist clergy, challenges of staying open during the Civil War and Reconstruction, and later negotiations to keep going financially. All crucial, but all a male story. Most important surely was the point of all this administrative work—what was happening *inside* the minds and hearts of the first young women ever to experience higher education.

Here are some impressions: By far the most startling quality is the writing tone of the compositions. What did these young women literally sound like when they got up to read these papers in front of Macon notables, clergy, trustees, faculty, family, and boy friends? Were they nervous, dissembling, tentative, self-effacing? The rhetoric sounds so self-assured, forceful, clear. Granted these were privileged white girls from mostly literate homes. But any graduate of any generation from whatever background could wish for this kind of poise, this kind of seemingly easy confidence—the primary quality that has to undergird the leadership and service that is Wesleyan's purpose.

The papers that have an academic content all reveal something else any graduate of any time would want — to be current, informed, prepared to take part the cultural milieu of her time. Their opinions echo Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Cullen Bryant, Longfellow, the Irish poet Thomas Moore (1779-1852), and now less known women writers, Felicia Dorothea Hemans (1793-1835) and Joanna Baillie (1762-1851). A kind of ethics/epistemology course called "moral philosophy" was clearly influential. One of their moral philosophy texts was the widely used *Inquiries Concerning the Intellectual Powers and the Investigation of Truth* (1830). A copy of this textbook is in the library as "Accession No. 4750, English Literary Library, W.F. College."

Virginia Boon, Class of 1866, writes that "it is only of late years that we have heard of female poets of superior ability, but the annals of the nineteenth century will be ever memorable in

the history of the sex from the laurels which our Muse has entwined around the brows of a Hemans, a Langdon [Letitia Elizabeth Langdon (1802-1838)], and a Browning [(Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861))]. Of earlier writers, John Milton is mentioned several times. References to Shakespeare begin appearing in the compositions late in the century.

With such lively prose, one assumes their writing texts must have been good ones. The most widely used at the time, in England and the US, were Richard Whately's *Elements of Logic* (1826) and *Elements of Rhetoric* (1828). The papers also reveal students reasonably informed about what was happening in other parts of the world. How did they learn, from their supposedly sheltered upbringing in the deep ante bellum South, about problems abroad? Reading newspapers? Having informed professors? It would be interesting to know. The early compositions show that these students, who after all weren't that far from the nation's founding, were interested in the effects of the American Revolution in Europe. Later papers reveal concern about other parts of the world, even the Middle East.

The topic most often referred to was the one in fact generating perhaps the most intellectual excitement throughout the rapidly industrializing nineteenth century world — science. Electricity is mentioned most often; also astronomy and geology. One wonders how soon Darwin's *Origin of Species* (1859) began to effect their world view. Several impassioned papers sound like current arguments about "intelligent design."

Indeed the religious faith of the students comes through clearly. But the tone is not, as one might expect, like the kind of Christian fundamentalism prevalent now. The early papers echo deism — they sound like they were reading Alexander Pope and other neo-classic English works. The later ones are humming with an Emersonian sounding transcendentalism.

Only seven of the manuscripts date from the Civil War years, and of those only two are directly related to the war. One, by Julia L. Matthews, Class of 1864, extols John C. Calhoun. The other, by Stella Marshall, also Class of 1864, is entitled "A Good Cause Makes a Stout Heart." It celebrates "the present struggle of the whole Southern people to free themselves from Northern thralldom. What else but a *righteous cause* [Stella's underlining] has given them the heart to cut loose from an unrighteous union and do battle against a foe so superior in everything *but* the consciousness of the right?"

By no means, however, are all the papers about lofty subjects. Many exhibit the form and style of what writing teacher Ann Munck taught Wesleyan students a century later as the "informal personal essay." Yet all the papers, even the light ones, never have a misspelled word, and the grammar is perfect. If technically correct, the content can be banal. For example, one composition asserts for many pages that hope is a good thing. Another, entitled "Passing Away," warns of a still small voice that whispers, "You too may change, you who grasp so firmly and securely the treacherous siren pleasure, may see it torn from your embrace and every tie that bound you to earth

powerless and broken." The writer goes on to trace the ephemeral greatness of Egypt, Carthage, Greece, Rome and civilizations of the East, avowing, with transcendental fervor, and in perfect parallel clauses, that the only thing that lasts is the soul, "a brilliant stone that never dims, a laurel that never fades, a star that shines forever."

Of the informal essays, one of the most charming, by Amanda Barrett, Class of 1860, is entitled "The Spinning Wheel." Had Amanda been introduced to Luddite ideas? It is hard to imagine her argument otherwise. Her paper laments the invention of the spinning jenny, power looms, and sewing machines, which have replaced the spinning wheel. "Now," she says, "good old grandmothers cease to sit with pleasant faces and spin the lengthening thread and look with an air of pride at the snowy fibre...Instead we have the clang of cotton mills."

In parlors, she complains, pianos replace a spinning wheel's natural music, "sweeter than...any...save perhaps the music of heaven." Re-introduce the spinning wheel, she exhorts, "teach pale-faced creatures to draw the bit of cotton into the lengthening thread, keeping time with the music of its hum, and the *real rouge* [Amanda's underlining] will be seen on her cheeks...No one will be idle, and no one will have time to complain of life and its sorrows."

Is Amanda serious? Or did she mean for this to be satire, sort of a housewife's "modest proposal," à la Jonathan Swift, which surely would have been assigned reading by 1860? What might a feminist scholar make of this paper—so cleverly written, yet calling women back to a NON-labor saving device?

Each composition tantalizes. As does the collection as a whole, not intentionally gathered, mostly the result of a hundred years of chance donations. If you think you have any of these tucked away in the proverbial attic chest or desk drawer, please consider giving them to the library so the collection can be more representative of the hundreds written by nineteenth century graduates.

And let this small collection stand for the mountain of other manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, and letters unorganized, uncatalogued, and not yet properly cared for physically, in the library's first floor storage. Here is another place on campus where funds are needed, the work far more demanding than current library staffing can cover. A full-time trained archivist, probably with additional allocation for student assistant help, is needed for the job.

"Raise women's consciousness" was the cry of the feminist movement of a generation ago. And sometimes it was strident and counter-productive. But surely as current Wesleyan alumnae we must no longer be oblivious to the richness of our own story here, must take responsibility for seeing that this story is available to scholars, who can then pass on their findings for the empowerment of daughters and granddaughters to come.

—JULIA STILLWELL KETCHAM '58

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# Renaissance Woman

In fifteenth century Italy, versatile geniuses such as Leonardo da Vinci, adept in the arts as well as science, were called Renaissance men. Although the term may have been little used in nineteenth century Georgia, Eliza Frances Andrews, who taught at Wesleyan College from 1885 to 1896 had many claims to the title "Renaissance Woman." Her latest accolade came in March when she was selected a "Georgia Woman of Achievement" at the annual ceremony at Wesleyan College. Andrews was inducted along with Grace Towns Hamilton and Sarah Porter Hillhouse.

Born in 1840 in Washington in east Georgia she was in her mid-20s during the Civil War and kept a journal, later published as *The Wartime Journal of a Georgia Girl, 1864-65*. It is now ranked among the most important sources of firsthand information about women during the war.

Another recently discovered work, *Journal of a Georgia Woman: 1870-72*, was published by the University of Tennessee Press in 2004. In this diary, relating in part her visit with relatives in New Jersey, Andrews compared the South during Reconstruction with the booming industrial North.

Before joining the faculty at Wesleyan, Frances Andrews (called "Fanny" by her family) wrote three novels, all published by Lippincott. Her first novel, *A Family Secret*, set during the war years, was published in 1876. It was the distinguished publishing house's best seller during that year, both in the North and South. *A Mere Adventure*

and *Prince Hal; Or the Romance of a Rich Young Man* followed in 1879 and 1882, respectively. The *Chicago Times* found "much force, dash, and naturalness" in her fiction. Renowned newspaper editor Henry Grady wrote that *Prince Hal* was the "most powerful work" he had read from a Southern writer in many years.

Like her writing skills, her scientific knowledge in the field of botany came largely self-taught. She had started early in her school years to collect plant specimens and continued throughout her active life, especially in her travels to various parts of the United States, Mexico, and Europe. She presented her specimen collection, numbering more than 3,000, to the Alabama Department of Agriculture in 1910.

She published her first botany textbook, *Botany All the Year Round*, written for rural schools that had little lab equipment, in 1903. Her second textbook, *A Practical Course in Botany* (1911), was written for high schools and colleges; it was translated into French and widely used in the schools of France. Twenty years later it was still in print and earning royalties. She continued publishing articles on botany in such publications as *Scientific American*, *Plant World*, *Botanical Gazette*, and *American Botanist* into the 1920s.

In 1926 Andrews was nominated to membership in the International Academy of Literature and Science in Naples, Italy, the first woman to be selected. At that time only four Americans, including Thomas A.

Edison and President Woodrow Wilson, were members of the distinguished group. Then eighty-six, Miss Andrews declined to accept the nomination, explaining that she was physically unable to travel to Naples and address the academy as they had requested.

Andrews had many connections with Macon well before her years on the Wesleyan faculty. Her Civil War journal opens with a long account of an eight-day trip from her home town to Macon just after Sherman's forces had passed through, leaving the railway system in disarray. Horses and wagons were used to connect the many parts where the tracks had been destroyed. She and the other passengers reached Macon by walking across a high trestle over Walnut Creek.

She and her younger sister Metta, who came down with measles, were lodged in the Lanier House. Andrews complained she "could not get a chamber-maid without going the whole length of a corridor and ringing a bell." Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnston invited them to their "beautiful home on Mulberry Street, where we were lodged like a princess."

Her wartime journal also gives ample evidence of her writing talent. The following passage from the prologue demonstrates her poetic imagery: "In the fall of 1864, while Sherman's army was lying around Atlanta like a pent-up torrent ready to burst forth at any moment, my father was afraid to let us get out of his sight, and we all stood waiting in our defenseless homes



till we could see what course the destroying flood would take. Happy for us it passed by without engulfing the little town of Washington, where our home was situated, and after it had swept over the capital of the State, reaching Milledgeville November 23rd, rolled on toward Savannah, where the sound of merry Christmas bells was hushed by the roar of its angry waters."

While Fanny and her siblings were avid supporters of the Confederacy and the war, her mother and father — an esteemed circuit-riding judge of the Northern Circuit of the Superior Court of Georgia — were Unionists. Her journal tells of sewing in secret a Confederate flag that would be raised over the courthouse in celebration of the Secession. Judge Andrews viewed the festivities with a heavy heart, commenting, "Poor fools! They may ring their bells now, but they will wring their hands — yes, and their hearts, too — before they are done with it."

Though the journal was written by a young woman caught up in a war she believed to be a righteous cause, it was first published in 1908, edited by another Fanny Andrews, one she called the "grey-haired editor," who viewed the conflict from a different perspective. She wrote in her prologue:

"Revolutions never take place when people are cool-headed or in a serene frame of mind." She added that now "the better way is to cast them behind us and thank the powers of the universe that they exist no longer."

To illustrate, she told of an incident she witnessed at the great reunion of Confederate soldiers near Richmond. Standing by the "Crater," the site of a mass burial, she heard a "battle-scarred hero from one of the wire-grass counties way down in Georgia" speak with great emotion: "Thar's three hundred dead Yankees buried here under our feet. I helped put 'em thar, but so help me God, I hope the like'll never be done in this country again. Slavery's gone and the war's over now, thank God for both! We are all brothers once more, and I can feel for them layin' down that just the same as fur our own."

The aging editor also cut out any part of the young Fanny's journal she considered to be "tiresome reflections and silly flirtations." Spencer B. King, longtime chairman of the history department at Mercer University, wrote in his preface to the journal: "That there was romance in her life, we can be sure; for a girl of such charm and intellect must have had suitors. But not one word of

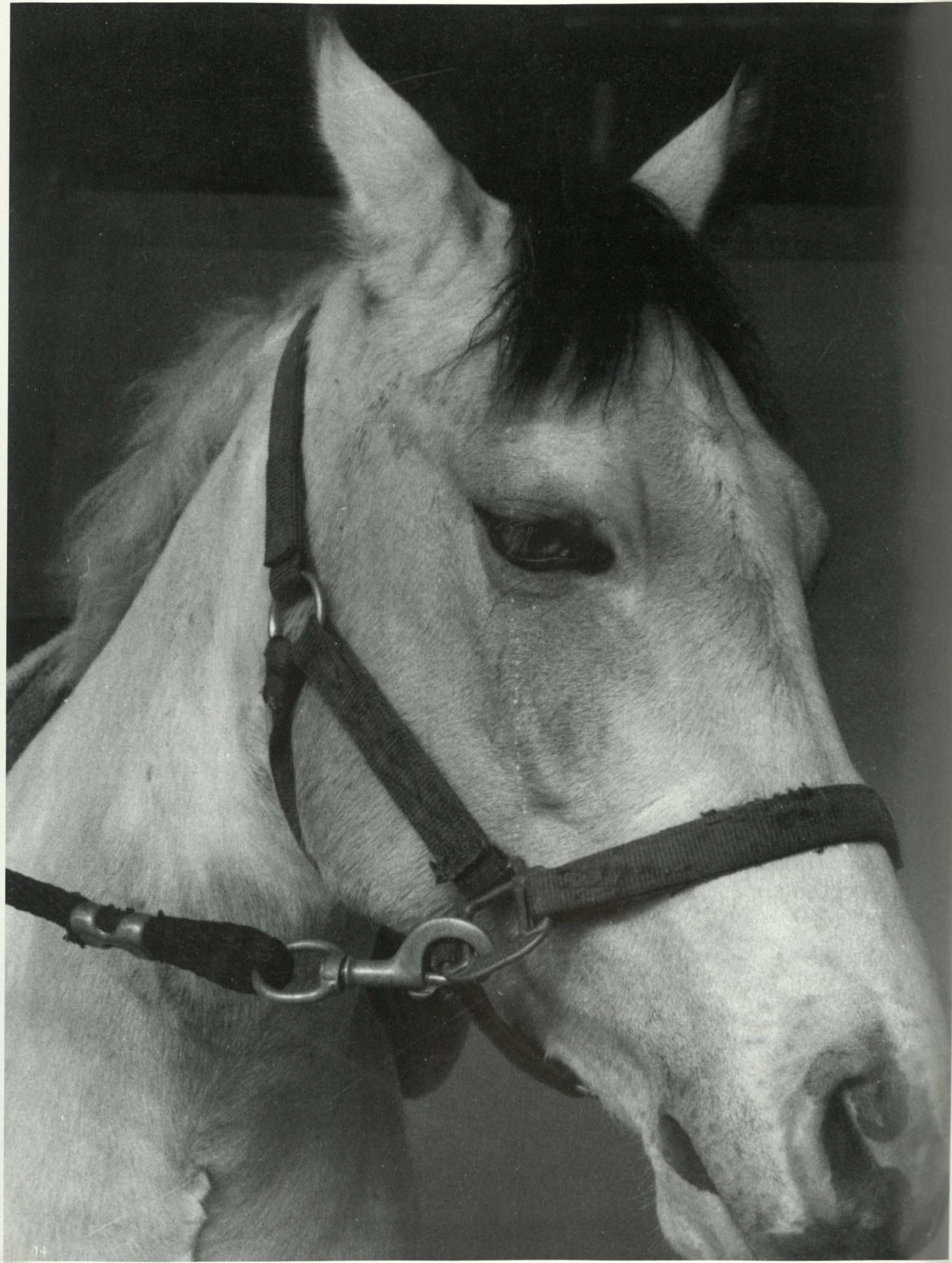
romantic love will we get from her diary." In fact, Fanny wrote early in her journal, amid long descriptions of social events involving young swains: "Marriage is incompatible with the career I have marked out for myself, but I want to have all the fun I can before I'm too old."

She spent her last years in Rome and died there on January 20, 1931. In writing her will she expressed a special concern. "I will and direct that whenever I am believed to be dead and before my body is placed in the coffin, a reputable and competent physician be employed to ascertain whether I am really dead, by cutting into my heart and severing the arteries that feed it, in order to make sure I shall not be buried alive, which is the only terror that death has for me."

Charlotte Ford, in a recent article about Andrews in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, wrote: "She broke rules and crossed boundaries on her journey into the twentieth century as a novelist, reporter, essayist, lecturer, poet, humorist, teacher and botanist. She was a daughter of the Old South, but a precursor of the New South and a new century for women."

-BEN GRIFFITH

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# Unexpected Teachers



As the sun rises over the lake, fifteen hungry horses whinny and pace in front of their paddock gates. Awaiting the arrival of the morning feeders, Lee paces down his side of the fence, while Hans nips Jack, determined to be brought in first. Foxy and Moon peer down from the top of the alley, staring curiously at Secret as he runs around his paddock, kicking up his heels. The day passes by, bringing several groups of students ready to ride. Walking across the bridge to the barn, several duck under the fence in their breeches and Ariat boots, greeting the horses already turned out for the day. Not concerned with the group passing through, Ryan and Mitch go back to eating.

Each horse has his own strengths and weaknesses. Horses like Ryan and Mitch can take any level of rider and be trusted to give them a good, safe ride. Poco, on the other hand, was just four-years-old when he came to Wesleyan and has taught many riders the patience of training a young horse. Dream and Moon are the foundation of Wesleyan's community lesson program. On them, many children experience their very first ride; and because of them, many children become encouraged and excited to learn more. Standing a massive 17 hands, Lee will take his rider over any jump at any height. No matter how many mistakes his rider makes, he will never refuse. Hans and Phantom, both upper level dressage horses, are wonderful on the flat. They allow their riders to concentrate on their equitation while doing whatever they

are asked. For our more experienced riders, Wesleyan is proud to have Peyton, Secret, and Sonny all jumping 3'6" fences. In fact, Peyton and Secret have won at some of the biggest shows in the country.

Wesleyan's spectacular horses have all been donated, and all had incredible show careers before retiring to the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center. The Wesleyan College Equestrian Team prides itself in the ability to ride some of the top quality show horses in the region. It's possibly the most unique aspect of the equestrian program because rarely would student-riders have the opportunity to practice and compete on such high caliber horses. Wesleyan's equestrian program has grown to national-competition status with several national champions in hunt seat and western events in recent years.

Good riders develop through the patience and knowledge of these fantastic horses. Always teaching, with high expectations, they won't let a rider get away with being lazy. Like the best teachers, horses change lives; and it is horses like these that have helped change mine. Walking around the barn my first year, I knew attending Wesleyan was the right decision. I chose my college based on the equestrian facility. My reasoning was: if the school took good care of their horses, they would probably take good care of their students. How many students bring their Thoroughbred mares to college? *Color* came with me to Wesleyan; and lately, we've both taken an interest in photography.

— STEPHANIE HOOD, Wesleyan Student

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# SOCIETIES

JOIN IN CELEBRATION AT BLACK TIE GALA



On the beautiful spring evening of May 19, 2006, Wesleyan celebrated the generosity of her alumnae and friends at the biennial Society Gala. This Gala marked the first time that members of the new George Foster Pierce Leadership Society joined members of the Society for the Twenty-First Century for a special recognition dinner. Chartered in 1989, the Society for the Twenty-First Century recognizes alumnae and friends who make provisions for Wesleyan's future by including the College in their estate plans. The Pierce Society was established during fiscal year 2006 to honor those donors who generously support Wesleyan with leadership level gifts of \$5,000 and above to the Annual Fund. Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72, president of the Society for the Twenty-First Century, beamed as she welcomed special donors and Society members old and new to an exciting evening of entertainment and recognition.

Among the celebrants at the Gala were corporate donors, trustees, other friends of the College, and, of course, alumnae. The alumnae present spanned an astounding seventy-six years of the College's history. Elsie Lowden Maxwell Hambright '34 and Julia Munroe Woodward '34 entered Wesleyan in 1930 — Mrs. Hambright attending the Conservatory and "Miss Julia" matriculating at the College. Mollie Elizabeth Hughes, who less than a week before graduated as a Purple Knight of 2006, is the first in her class to join the Society for the Twenty-First Century and enjoyed sharing her first Society Gala with her parents Anne Scarborough Hughes '78 and Jay Hughes.



Among the new Pierce Society members in attendance were Kathryn Dennis and husband Brown W. Dennis, Jr., who were representing the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. Other special guests included former Wesleyan President Robert Ackerman and his wife, May;

it was during Dr. Ackerman's tenure at Wesleyan that the Society for the Twenty-First Century was born.

President Ruth Knox '75 spoke of the incredible blessings that have strengthened Wesleyan's financial footing in recent years. The overwhelming generosity of the Munroe family and the support of several foundations have allowed the much dreamt of Munroe Science Center to become a reality. Members of the new Pierce Society will help Wesleyan achieve new heights with the Annual Fund, serving the current operating needs of the campus, faculty, staff, and students. Estate gifts like the recent one from Linda H. Lane serve as poignant reminders of friendships that have meant so much to the College throughout the years.

The evening was capped by a spectacular performance of songs from *My Fair Lady* by Ellen Futral Hanson '83, instructor of voice at Wesleyan, and Michael McGhee, assistant professor of music and organist. Ellen Hanson's lively interpretation of Eliza Doolittle and Michael McGhee's dynamic piano playing captured the festive energy of the Gala. Society members of all ages went out into the warmth of the night humming their favorite Lerner and Loewe melodies.

—ANGEL FEIGHTNER, Wesleyan College Special Funds Officer

*Pictured above, Ellen Hanson '83, accompanied by Michael McGhee, entertained Society members.*

# Celebrating National Rankings

## WESLEYAN COLLEGE FEATURED IN PRINCETON REVIEW'S *THE BEST 361 COLLEGES* 2007 EDITION

According to *The Princeton Review*, Wesleyan offers students an outstanding undergraduate education. The New York-based education services company features the college in the new 2007 edition of its annual book, *The Best 361 Colleges*. Only about 15% of the four-year colleges in America and two Canadian colleges are in the book.

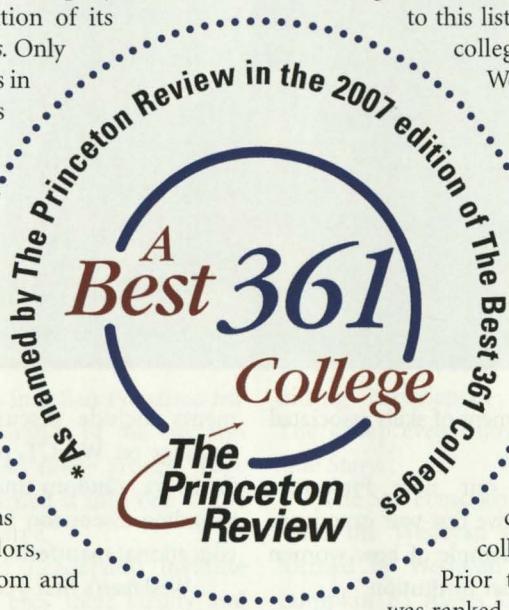
Robert Franek, *Princeton Review*'s Vice President of Publishing said, "We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics. We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and our visits to schools over the years. We also consider the opinions of independent college counselors, students, and parents we hear from and survey year-long."

In its profile on Wesleyan, *The Princeton Review* rates the college's quality of life at 91 with an academic rating of 90. The profile also quotes extensively from Wesleyan students surveyed for the book. Among their candid comments: "exceptional education at an affordable price" and "you will love every minute here, especially if participating in lots of traditions appeals to you."

### The Princeton Review's 2007

#### *The Best 361 Colleges* listings for Wesleyan:

- Ranked 3rd among 361 colleges for "Diverse Student Population"
- Ranked 3rd among 361 colleges for "Class Discussion Encouraged"
- Ranked 4th for "Lots of Race/Class Interaction"
- Ranked 6th for low beer usage in "Got Milk?"
- Ranked 8th for low hard liquor usage reported in "Scotch & Soda, Hold the Scotch"
- 11th for being "Stone Cold Sober" (Based on a combination of survey questions concerning the use of alcohol and drugs, hours of study each day, and the popularity of the Greek system)
- 16th nationally among the top 20 colleges for low marijuana use in "Don't inhale"
- 15th out of 361 colleges where "Town-Gown Relations are Good," indicating how well students get along with local residents



## WESLEYAN COLLEGE RANKS 1ST IN U.S. NEWS 2007 NATIONAL COLLEGE RANKING CATEGORY

Wesleyan made another outstanding appearance on *U.S. News & World Report*'s annual listing of America's Best Colleges. The college has been consecutively named to this list for the last 19 years. In its 2007 college rankings, *U.S. News* ranks Wesleyan first among top national liberal arts colleges for having the highest percentage of international students. Not only is Wesleyan the only nationally ranked liberal arts college in central Georgia, but also Wesleyan is the only liberal arts college in the south to make the Top 10 in campus diversity.

Wesleyan College was reclassified in 1994 by *U.S. News* as a national liberal arts college — the only central Georgia college to receive this classification. Prior to that reclassification, Wesleyan

was ranked among the top 20 regional liberal arts colleges. Liberal arts colleges, as defined in the *U.S. News* rankings, focus almost exclusively on undergraduate education and award at least 50 percent of their degrees in the liberal arts. This almost exclusive focus on undergraduate academic programs explains why almost half of Wesleyan graduates pursue advanced degrees. More than 95 percent of Wesleyan graduates who apply to law or medical school are admitted. The acceptance rate for MBA programs is even higher.

According to *U.S. News*, the 2007 rankings also focus on quality initiatives in higher education such as first-year experience programs, study abroad, internships, opportunities for undergraduate research, and service learning. Accessible faculty and small class size were key criteria in judging schools for the 2007 national rankings; a high scoring category (90%) for Wesleyan.

### *U.S. News* 2007 "America's Best Colleges"

#### *listings for Wesleyan College:*

- Ranked 1st in the nation for International Students among liberal arts colleges,
- Ranked 8th in the nation for Racial Diversity among liberal arts colleges,
- Ranked 9th in the nation for Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20 among liberal arts colleges,
- Listed in the third tier of the Best Liberal Arts Colleges.

# f i s

## Enhanced program ensures a positive First-year Experience for students

Wesleyan is not surprised by recent information released from the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research (IUCPR) which suggests that students at women's colleges are better served than their peers at coeducational institutions. According to the study, women's colleges foster an environment that fuels women's understanding of self and others, a willingness to work with others and the development of skills associated with career success and leadership.

Academic programs like our new First-year Integrative Seminars ensure a positive first-year experience for students and serves as one example of how women have an advantage at a single gender institution.

Wesleyan is among a select group of national colleges and universities offering a comprehensive first-year seminar program built into the curriculum and designed to facilitate a positive transition to college life. Enhanced for Fall 2006, Wesleyan's program includes six required semester hours or two courses — one (FIS 101) taken fall semester and the other (FIS 102) taken spring semester.

Each first-year student begins her academic program with the interdisciplinary seminars intended to provide an understanding of the nature and value of a Wesleyan education; the skills and strategies needed to make a successful transition to college; an exposure to juxtaposed disciplinary methods as part of an academic community committed to the free and open exchange of ideas; an opportunity to reflect critically on individual beliefs and frames of reference; and encouragement to discover and explore individual talents and passions through study, service, and work.

FIS 101 addresses problems and issues relating to who women are and what tools women need to be successful in today's world. FIS 102 addresses problems and issues relating to where women are going and what women can give back in terms of their careers and their service to the larger community.



The seminars are taught by a team of six faculty members. Students meet twice weekly in small groups with their assigned faculty advisor and also once weekly as one large group for larger presentation and discussion opportunities. In addition to assigned faculty advisors, the students are also assigned advisors from the student affairs staff. Required assignments include discussion of two texts and weekly readings on WebCT, research and writing components, fieldwork, random unannounced quizzes, contributions to online discussion boards, development of a personal educational manifesto, plus a cumulative final exam.

Wesleyan's first-year program may be the only one of its kind. FIS 101 has three innovative and ambitious components: developmental advising, collaboration among faculty and student affairs, and writing instruction. Professors and their student affairs partners are pursuing a different kind of relationship with students. That pursuit will ultimately affect student success. Through academic advising, for example, the collaborative approach shifts the chief outcome of a student's visit from an academically-appropriate semester schedule to a trust-based foundation for on-going conversations about goals, progress, and decision-making.

According to Director of First-year Writing and First-year Experience and Assistant Professor of English Melissa Graham Meeks, PhD, "Aside from the program's innovative design, FIS asks students to develop a framework for thinking through three main questions: what does it mean to me that Wesleyan is a liberal arts women's college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, what do I want to accomplish while I am here, and how am I going to cope with the issues affecting women's lives now and especially in a professional career. At the end of the course, we hope that students can look at Wesleyan's landscape and see not only their own path but also how the separate contributions of faculty, student affairs professionals, and upper-classmates create richly textured, vibrant academic community."

# "Eureka! I have found it."

## Wesleyan's 2006 Summer Leadership Institute travels to San Francisco

Over 150 years ago, "Eureka, I have found it!" signified the jubilation of a California gold miner striking it rich for the first time. Today, the state motto symbolizes the richness, prosperity, and diversity found within the people of the Golden State. Similar to New York City, San Francisco is not only an immigration hub, but also a migration hub for a diverse group of cultures and ideas.

The movement of diverse groups into San Francisco has shaped the commerce and appearance of the city and surrounding Bay Area. In a sense, many groups "have found it" in the Bay Area and turned it into one of the most unique locations in the country.

Through the 2006 Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), a group of ten students plus their faculty and trustee sponsors traveled to the San Francisco Bay Area. The experience gave students a chance to learn about the Bay Area from cultural, historical, environmental, and business perspectives.

"Through experiences like SLI, we are preparing our students for leadership roles in a world that has become increasingly urbanized and ethnically diverse," said Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Chemistry David Edwards, one of three faculty sponsors for the 2006 trip. "The ever-growing expansion of cities introduces new challenges for all leaders, but perhaps especially women leaders. San Francisco opened our minds to questions of urban planning, environmental concerns resulting from mass consumption, and challenges associated with forming cohesive communities from diverse populations."

The 2006 SLI curriculum included pre-trip required reading to prepare the students for an intense itinerary of tours, speakers, and activities. The group walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and met with the Chief Bridge Engineer Dennis Mulligan; visited Pt. Reyes Lighthouse; saw beautiful Redwoods at Samuel Taylor State Park; toured the Wells Fargo Museum, the Asian Art Museum, Chinese Historical Society of America, and Mission



Dolores; met with officials from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Community United Against Violence, San Francisco City Hall, United Farm Workers, and the National Parks Service. Other fun activities included a cruise in the bay with area alumnae and President Ruth Knox, tours of wineries in Sonoma County, plus several memorable

dining experiences at authentic area restaurants. The group even enjoyed a sing-a-long version of *West Side Story*.

The San Francisco SLI marks the seventh annual trip since the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute was formed by Wesleyan trustees and alumnae Diane A. Lumpkin '63, Alexis Xides Bighley '67, and Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63 in 2000. Trustee and alumna Judy Woodward Gregory '63 helped plan and organize the 2006 trip along with the institute's co-founders and the 2006 faculty sponsors.

The first SLI took place in Denver and Breckinridge, Colorado, where attendees also studied urban strategic planning, particularly the successful revitalization of downtown Denver. The second SLI, held in 2001 in Seattle, focused on genetics and emerging technology with visits to Boeing and Microsoft. Other institute travel sites have included Boston '02, Sante Fe '03, Washington DC '04, and Minneapolis/St. Paul '05. Students' expenses including air travel, lodging, food, and activities are paid by the Leadership Institute.

Through the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute, selected students have the opportunity to grow and experience leadership possibilities in the real world. Ten rising senior students are selected each year through a rigorous application and interview process which begins each December. The 2006 attending students were Khameaka Burrell, Morgan Faircloth, Morgan Felts, Tiffany Hatch, Chelsea Lalla, Phayon Lee, Miya Lewis, Ina Rachita, Nandini Sen, and Micah Wilson.

*Pictured above: Cruising on the Bay! San Francisco area alumnae enjoy a cruise with President Ruth Knox and students attending the 2006 Summer Leadership Institute.*



## EMBA PROGRAM CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF EIGHTH COHORT

Wesleyan graduated a class of eleven men and women from its Executive Master of Business Administration program during commencement exercises held Saturday, June 24th. Wesleyan 2004 EMBA graduate Keith Moffett, now regional project manager for the Georgia Department of Economic Development, returned to campus to deliver the commencement address. In 2006, the group traveled to the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary as part of the program curriculum's two-week international component where the students study business concepts abroad. Wesleyan's EMBA classes are scheduled on alternate weekends for nineteen months so that professionals can pursue advanced business education without interrupting their careers.

*The class of 2006 included (pictured left to right from top to bottom) George W. Burch III, Tahrea Jabbar Grant, Sidney Ahmed Beach, Christopher P. Johnson, Marshey De Vonne Williams, James T. Beverly III, Freddie Lee Pooler, Kimberly Patrice Phelps, Anthony Terrell Pitts-Hill, Delawese Delain Fulton, and Willie Fred Swann. Also pictured, Dr. Philip Taylor, Wesleyan's Director of Graduate Business Programs.*

# Saving through the Independent 529 Plan

*Wesleyan is helping protect families against rising tuition costs with innovative savings plan.*

Do you want to encourage a daughter, granddaughter, or niece to attend Wesleyan? Do you think tuition costs will rise faster than the after-tax rate of return you can earn on your investments? If so, we've got a plan for you.

Several years ago, Congress created 529 plans to provide tax-advantaged incentives for families to save for college tuition. There are two types of 529 plans: savings and prepaid. Every state has a savings plan (see [www.gacollegesavings.com](http://www.gacollegesavings.com)) and some states (not Georgia) have created prepaid plans that lock in future tuition costs.

Wesleyan College has joined with other prestigious private colleges to create our own national prepaid tuition program — the Independent 529 Plan. A board of twenty-one college administrators and a small staff in St. Louis oversee the program. Investment policy is guided by Cambridge Associates and the program is administered by TIAA-CREF, one of the largest and most respected retirement managers in the world.

How does it work? Let's say you want your granddaughter to attend Wesleyan and you make lump sum or monthly contributions totaling \$5,000 in 2006 when tuition is \$14,500. Your contribution guarantees you 34 percent of a future year's tuition at Wesleyan (\$5,000 divided by \$14,500). If tuition in the year 2020 is \$35,000, your \$5,000 investment will have grown in value

to \$12,000 worth of tuition (34 percent of \$35,000). And that \$7,000 increase in value is exempt from income taxes.

In exchange for the certificate, Wesleyan will receive the amount of your original investment plus the investment gains, less the cost of administering the program. It's a win-win situation. The family benefits because tuition prices will most likely rise faster than investment gains after tax. Wesleyan benefits because tuition is more affordable to families, and students are encouraged to attend member schools.

As an added incentive, each member college offers a tuition discount of at least .5 percent that compounds each year. See the Independent 529 website [www.independent529plan.org](http://www.independent529plan.org) for more details on this "certificate discount".

Your certificate will be good at any of the 256 member colleges in the Independent 529 Plan. Of course the percent of a year's prepaid tuition will vary depending on each school's tuition pricing.

What if your beneficiary doesn't attend one of the member colleges? You can apply the appreciated value of the funds to tuition at any college or university. While the prepaid advantage is lost, you still get the investment gains (capped), tax free.

What if your beneficiary doesn't attend college? You can transfer the certificate to any family member of the beneficiary (even yourself) at any time. Or you can receive a refund equal to the amount of your original contribution, plus any investment gains (capped), less income taxes and a 10% IRS penalty.

The plan is surprisingly flexible, but you should consult the website for limitations on qualified expenses, transferability, refund policies, a list of member colleges and other details. Please also talk to your tax advisor about your individual circumstances.

Sign up for the program on the web at [www.independent529plan.org](http://www.independent529plan.org) or call toll-free 1-888-718-7878 to receive an enrollment kit in the mail.

The Independent 529 Plan is another way that Wesleyan is working to keep the cost of attending college affordable.

— RICK MAIER, Vice President of Financial Affairs

*Rick Maier has been Wesleyan's Vice President of Financial Affairs since 2000. For further information about this plan, contact him directly at: [rmaier@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:rmaier@wesleyancollege.edu).*



#### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

Wesleyan extends a hand to these young ladies who sang national anthems from various countries at the Cherry Blossom Festival Lantern Lighting Ceremony on March 19. Various dignitaries were present, such as Governor Sonny Perdue, Senator Saxby Chambliss, and City Council Chair Charlie Bishop.

Pictured left to right are: Aneli Wells, Annakee Amacker, Whitney Little, Lauren Holliday, Victoria Ryals, Shelly Holbrook, and President Ruth Knox.

*“Our country is in need of thinkers, not consumers.”*

# Incendiary remarks

*designed to ignite passion for the earth*

Award winning author, naturalist, and activist Janisse Ray inspired a year of dedicated scholarship to the environmental and social problems of the world when she addressed the Wesleyan community this fall. Officially opening the 2006-2007 academic year with the fall convocation speech, she delivered a passionate message: *our country is in need of thinkers, not consumers.*

Ray is the author of three books of literary nonfiction. *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, published in 1999, is a memoir about growing up on a junkyard in the ruined longleaf pine ecosystem of the Southeast. More than a plea to protect and restore the beautiful pine flat woods of the South, the nonfiction work also addresses mental illness, poverty, and fundamentalist religion.

In 1999, the book won the Southeastern Booksellers Award for Nonfiction. Three additional prestigious awards followed: a Before Columbus Society American Book Award in 2000, the Southern Environmental Law Center 2000 Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment, and

the Southern Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction in 2000. It was chosen as the Book All Georgians Should Read for 2001, and has been selected as required reading for first-year students at Wesleyan and at many universities.

Ray published *Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home* in 2003 and *Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land* in 2005. She also co-edited *Between Two Rivers: Stories from the Red Hills to the Gulf* in 2004. In addition, Ray's published essays and poems can be found in prominent national periodicals such as: *Audubon*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Hope*, *Natural History*, *Oprah Magazine*, *Orion*, *Sierra*, and *The Washington Post*. She is anthologized in *Where We Stand: Voices of Southern Dissent*; *Elemental South: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water*; *The Roadless Yaak*; and *The Norton Anthology of Nature Writing*, among others.

The Georgia native holds an MFA from the University of Montana and has been visiting professor at Coastal Carolina University, scholar-in-residence at Florida

Gulf Coast University, and writer-in-residence at Keene State College and Green Mountain College. In 2003-04 at the University of Mississippi, she served as the John and Renee Grisham writer-in-residence.

She lectures nationally on topics regarding nature, community, sustainability, and the politics of wholeness. She weaves poignant stories of her unusual southern childhood growing up on a junkyard in Baxley, Georgia, with her love of southern flora and fauna to create a powerful call to action for environmental awareness. *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* addresses the apocalyptic loss of the longleaf pine, a majestic tree that once covered 93-million acres throughout the Southeast. After decades of logging, less than one percent of old-growth longleaf forests remain.

“I wanted to find a way to write about how the loss of woods is mirrored in the loss of a culture,” she said in 1999 of the book. “The opposite is also true — the healing of one can be the healing of the other.”

“THE JUNKYARD WAS STUFFED WITH JUNKED, WRECKED, RUSTED, BURNED, AND OUTMODED AUTOMOBILES AND PARTS OF AUTOMOBILES. RAGWEED AND DOG FENNEL SORT OF HID THE MESS FROM THE ROAD, BUT WHEN YOU TURNED OFF THE HIGHWAY, YOU GOT THE FULL EFFECT. IT WAS LIKE STICKING YOUR HEAD INTO A TRASH CAN...” — ECOLOGY





## 16TH ANNUAL SPECTACLES

Fifty middle school aged girls from throughout the southeast, and even as far away as Michigan and Texas, converged on Wesleyan's campus this summer for the College's 16th annual SPECTACLES math and science camps. Activities during the camps included classes and labs on chemistry, math, biology, computer graphics, and ecology; an "owl prow" in the college's arboretum; "meet a professional" sessions with inspirational women of math and science; field trips to the CNN Center and Zoo Atlanta; and space "exploration." Campers spent a day manning a space mission aboard a 30-foot inflatable shuttle, complete with satellite mission control in an adjacent room via webcam communication. An overnight excursion included travel to Huntsville's Astrotrek.

## Meet our newest faculty members



Wesleyan College welcomes six new faculty members and one new academic staff member to campus this fall.

Dr. Deidra Donmoyer joins the Wesleyan faculty as an assistant professor of communication. She earned a B.A. in general communication from Kutztown University, an M.A. from Auburn University, and her Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University. Most recently, Dr. Donmoyer served as visiting assistant professor in the department of communication at The University of Toledo. Her dissertation was a criticism of the rhetorical construction of the female action hero in film.

Dr. Kel-Ann Eyler joins the faculty as an associate professor of accounting with a B.S. from the University of Virginia and an M.P.A. and Ph.D. from Georgia State University. Dr. Eyler has served as an adjunct accounting instructor for Wesleyan's EMBA program since 2001. During that time, she also held a position on the faculty at Brenau University as associate professor of accounting. Eyler brings 23 years of teaching experience, plus five years in a corporate accounting environment, to the department.

Returning after a three-year absence, Dr. Helen Hollis rejoins the faculty as associate professor of psychology. She holds a B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. from Auburn University. Dr. Hollis served as the chair of

the department of psychology before leaving to pursue a counseling position at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory in San Francisco. She is the author of numerous publications as well as the recipient of several prestigious research grants and teaching awards. Currently, Dr. Hollis is researching the effectiveness of mentoring victims of domestic violence in decreasing victimization recurrence.

Joining the theatre department as an assistant professor of theatre is Dr. Jan Lewis. She earned a B.A. from Brandeis University; M.A. from University of California, Berkeley; M.F.A. from University of California, Los Angeles; and Ph.D. from University of California, Santa Barbara. Prior to joining the Wesleyan faculty, Dr. Lewis served as an adjunct assistant professor in the school of theatre at the University of Southern California and also in the department of literature, communication & media at the University of Judaism. As the founder and artistic director of the Jewish Women's Theatre Project in Los Angeles, she directed numerous productions that focused on strong roles for women.

Wesleyan alumna Dr. Melissa Meeks returns to her alma mater to join the faculty as assistant professor of English and director of the first-year experience and first-year writing program. After graduating *summa*

*cum laude* with honors and a double major of English and psychology in 2000, Dr. Meeks earned a M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She served as the assistant director of the UNC-CH Writing Program and focused her dissertation on programmatic change within first-year writing programs to incorporate the proliferation of digital media.

Dr. Mae Sheftall has served on the Wesleyan faculty part-time as a visiting assistant professor since 2002. This fall, she joins the faculty full-time as assistant professor of education and chair of the department. She holds a B.A. from Spelman College, M.Ed. from the University of South Alabama, and an Ed.S. and Ed.D. from the University of Georgia.

Dr. Andrea Hardin joins the academic staff as the Title III activities director and institutional research director. She earned a B.B.A. in business education from Augusta State University, M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina, and Ph.D. in educational leadership from Georgia State University. Most recently, Hardin served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Reinhardt College.

*Pictured from left to right are: Deidra Donmoyer, Kel-Ann Eyler, Helen Hollis, Jan Lewis, and Melissa Meeks.*

## MUNROE SCIENCE CENTER SNAPSHOT AUG. 18, 2006



The construction team pours the foundation for Wesleyan's highly anticipated Munroe Science Center scheduled to open Fall 2007.

## Student's project benefits Wesleyan Treasures

Recent graduate Christine Morana '06 is still wrapping up her spring semester field study. That is, she's *literally* wrapping, packaging, and marketing the 3,600 note cards she designed to increase awareness of the Wesleyan Treasures collection and its need for restoration funding.

"My faculty advisor initially gave the idea last fall; which was basically, to produce a set of note cards showcasing some of the beautifully restored paintings in the College's collection and then to market the note cards as a way to raise money for the restoration of some of the other paintings," said Morana.

The boxed sets of museum quality note cards feature six paintings from the collection, three from the Campbell Collection and three from the Collier Collection. All six featured paintings have been adopted and restored through the Adopt-a-Painting program in which donors select a specific painting and sponsor its restoration.

Morana pitched the project idea as an internship opportunity, completed the work, and received credit towards her major in studio art. Pursuing a double major in studio art and in advertising and marketing communication, she considered it the perfect project to combine her interests and experience. Morana consulted faculty about which images were most marketable, took the photographs, designed the layouts, researched marketing strategies, and managed the printing, production, and packaging of the cards.



Having served several semesters as a student docent in Wesleyan's West Gallery, Morana noticed that her own favorites just happened to be the same paintings to capture the attention of many visitors to the gallery. "As a student in the art department, I always saw [Edward Dufner's] *The Pink Lady* as the cover lady for the restoration program. So, that was a natural selection. Also, three of [Cowles Myles] Collier's seascapes were chosen because he's such an important artist within the College's collection," she said.

The project could potentially generate more than \$2000 in proceeds for the Art Restoration fund, but according to Morana "if the note cards just generate interest or increase awareness of the Wesleyan collection, then it's a success."

The cards are available through Institutional Advancement (478) 757-5187. Boxed sets of six are priced at \$8 and sets of twelve are \$12. Proceeds will benefit Wesleyan's Art Restoration fund.



## Three professors recognized for teaching excellence

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Delmas Crisp, Ph.D. presented three prestigious awards recognizing excellence in teaching during Wesleyan's Honors Day ceremony held April 20, 2006.

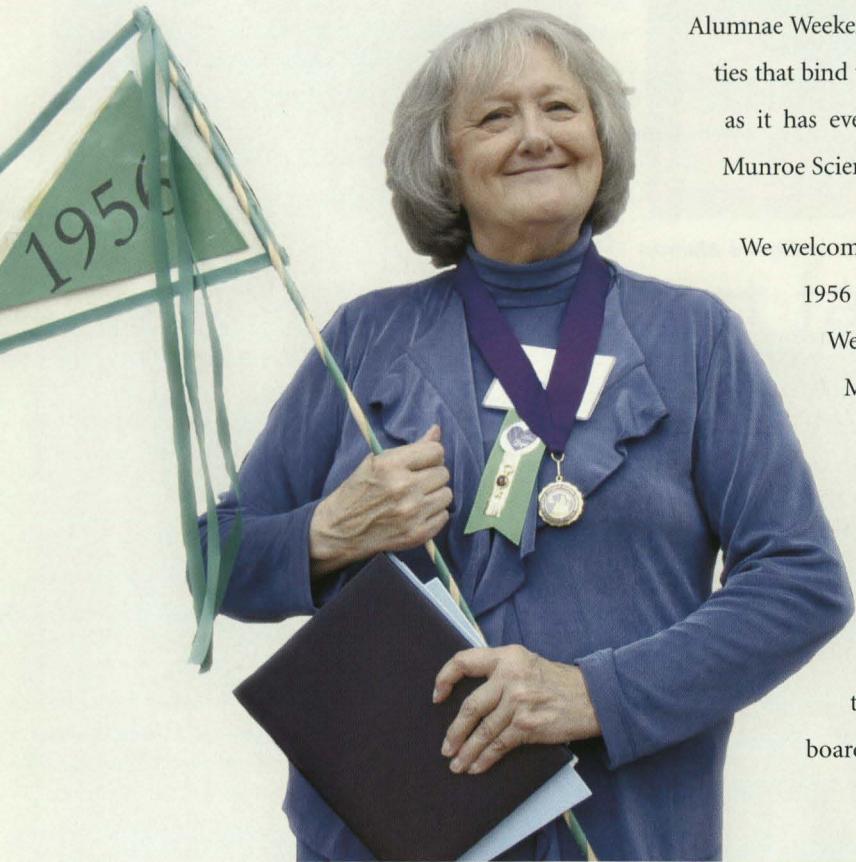
Assistant Professor of Art Dennis Applebee received the 2006 Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award. The award is presented annually to a faculty member who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the college in such areas as model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development, and instructional support.

Professor of English Dr. Darlene Mettler received the 2006 Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award, established in 1988 by Miss Munck's past students, colleagues, and friends, is based on the superior example she established and is given each year to the Wesleyan College faculty member who best exemplifies excellence in knowledge, method of instruction, rapport with students, teaching behavior and attitude, concern for teaching, stimulating classroom environment, achievement of one's students, and loyalty to Wesleyan — its goals and mission. Dr. Mettler also received this prestigious award in 1991.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Shelly Martin was presented with the 2006 United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award. Each year the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church supports the Exemplary Teacher Award which is given to a member of the Wesleyan faculty who demonstrates excellence in teaching, concern for students and colleagues, commitment to value-centered education, and service to students, the institution, the community, and the church.

(Pictured left to right): Assistant Professor of Art Dennis Applebee, Professor of English Dr. Darlene Mettler, Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Shelly Martin, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Dr. Delmas Crisp.

# Alumnae Weekend 2006



Alumnae Weekend 2006 was a great time for reminiscing and renewing the ties that bind us to one another and to Wesleyan. The campus is as lovely as it has ever been, especially with the exciting construction of the Munroe Science Center.

We welcomed back many reunion classes, and honored the Class of 1956 as our newest Golden Belles. They, in turn, honored Wesleyan by naming the Green Knight Greenhouse in the Munroe Science Center through a special class gift.

At Saturday's annual meeting, we inducted our newest sisters into the Alumnae Association and honored four remarkable alumnae award recipients: Pat Drew '56, Lucy Neeley Adams '56, Lu McElroy Steed '58, and Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61. We also paid tribute to two remarkable men: Thomas Langston Bass, chair of the board of trustees, who was awarded the Valeria McCullough



Murphey Award for outstanding contributions to Wesleyan College alumnae, and "Sir" George McKinney, long-time professor of theatre at Wesleyan, who died in March of this year.

Alumnae enjoyed the Presidents' Reception at Idle Hour Country Club, class parties, a poetry reading and book signing by our own Kathryn Stripling Byer '66 (North Carolina's Poet Laureate), tales of the past by former Wesleyan archivist Tena Roberts '60, and tales of the present by Wesleyan seniors. They attended our traditional picnic by the fountain and, of course, more class parties. It was a very full and fun weekend, thanks to the efforts of Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75, Alumnae Weekend chair, and the alumnae office.

On a personal note, Alumnae Weekend 2006 was my last as President of the Alumnae Association. It has been a wonderful three years. I have enjoyed being on campus frequently and getting to know so many Wesleyan students, faculty, staff, and other alums. Thank you for this opportunity. I am particularly pleased that, in the last three years, we have celebrated together the fruition of the long standing project of having the campus named a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. I am also gratified that the Leap of Faith campaign was successful, and the Alumnae Association was able to participate substantially in that success through the endowment of the Candler Building Fund. Wesleyan's best days truly are ahead. I look forward to watching them with you.

*Debbie Moses*

Debbie Stevenson Moses '89  
Immediate Past President, Wesleyan Alumnae Association



# Alumnae Awards 2006

## Distinguished Achievement in a Profession PAT DREW, CLASS OF 1956



Studying art with Wesleyan professor Gerry Bosch laid the foundation for Pat Drew's life-long commitment to the arts as an artist, educator, and advocate.

Renowned throughout the south for her American Family Quilt Series of paintings, Pat Drew

continues the tradition of her quilt-making grandmothers by creating whole designs through small bits in the acrylic on canvas works. New York Times critic William Zimmer wrote of Drew's series *The American Quilt*: "The microcosm of the family meets humanity on a large scale, and the result of the meeting of the different streams is positive statements about mankind as a whole."

In 2001, Pat received the Distinguished Award for Service within the Profession from the Georgia Art Education Association. Also, the

Atlanta branch of the National League of American Pen Women named her Artist of the Year in 2003.

Wesleyan College hosted the premiere showing of Pat's first "quilt" paintings in 2001. Her first major one-person show, "The American Quilt — The Families," was held at the Hudgens Art Center, Gwinnett County, Georgia, later that same year. In 2002, Pat created "The Immigrants" for the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport's atrium in Atlanta. In the five years since her first canvases were unveiled at Wesleyan, Pat Drew's work has been featured in seventeen one-woman shows across the south.

After graduating with a BFA from Wesleyan in 1956, Pat began a 41-year career teaching high school art in Savannah and Atlanta. In her early years as a teacher, she also represented Georgia in the National Art Education Association and served as its president, during which time she organized Georgia's first state art education conference. She served under Governor Carl Sanders as a member of the Georgia Governors Committee on Education, which created the Governor's Honors Program for gifted students,

and has been recognized as a national model for programs of this kind. Pat also helped to found the Youth Art Exhibit as part of the Arts Festival of Atlanta. As an adjunct professor in art education at Georgia State University, Pat shared her vast experience in the classroom with a new generation of teachers.

In addition to her teaching career, Pat Drew is accomplished in the studio arts of ceramics and painting. In 1973, she received her MVA from Georgia State University in art education with a concentration in ceramics. The following year, she opened Marthasville Mudworks where she worked both as production potter and owner for twelve years.

While teaching at Georgia State, Pat began studying acrylic painting with renowned artist, Larry Walker. Inspired by reflections on her life and her loved ones, she began to create the American Family Quilt series. Walker, now retired, continues to serve as her mentor and described Pat Drew's work in these words: "Pat has interwoven a sense of place and time, personal feelings, and socio-cultural aspects of our shared and remembered experiences."

## Distinguished Service to Wesleyan JEANETTE LOFLIN SHACKELFORD, CLASS OF 1961



In all that she has done, in every community in which she has lived, Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61 has consistently emphasized her appreciation for and her connection to Wesleyan College.

Recognized for her dedicated service to promoting the arts and advancing the mission of her alma

mater through excellence and professionalism, Jeanette has served vital roles as Director of MidSummer Macon and the Wesleyan College Center for the Arts, Chair of the Wesleyan College Music Department, and in numerous volunteer leadership capacities.

From the time she entered Wesleyan in the fall of 1957, Jeanette Shackelford has faithfully served her alma mater. While she was a member of the Glee Club and Chapel Choir, her skill as an accompanist enhanced concerts and weekly chapel services at the College. As a Junior Marshal and member of House Council, she illustrated her commitment to service. Sophomore Honors, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, and election to Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi served as examples of her achievements.

Graduating *magna cum laude* in 1961, Jeanette later earned a master's degree with emphasis in piano and voice from the University of Georgia in 1963.

Serving the arts in her Atlanta community, Jeanette worked as the music director for the Episcopal Church of the Atonement for twenty years. As a member of one of the families who helped start the Galloway School, she was also on the faculty (1969-1988) and produced musicals, directed choruses, and taught general music classes, sharing her talent through teaching. She was the founder and director of the Galloway School for the Arts, where she worked with students from preschool through adulthood in a variety of artistic subject areas.

While in Atlanta, Jeanette continued her volunteer service to Wesleyan. An active alumna, she was elected president of the Atlanta Alumnae Club and was co-chair of the Atlanta Area Alumnae Campaign for Endowed Teaching Chairs. In 1988, Jeanette returned to Macon and began a different phase of service to Wesleyan as the founding director of the Wesleyan College Center for the Arts. That same year she became the founding Executive Director of MidSummer Macon, a program that has served thousands and, along with the Center for the Arts, enriched the Macon community immeasurably.

In 1993 Wesleyan again called upon Jeanette and she was appointed Chair of the Music

Department, while continuing as director of the two arts programs. She set about rebuilding and restructuring a revitalized program of music instruction. When she retired, she left a thriving department with an increased enrollment and a strong, talented faculty.

The Middle Georgia community has benefited greatly from her dedication to the arts. As five-year chairperson of the entertainment committee of "First Night Macon" she was responsible for leading an arts-filled, safe New Years Eve celebration for the city. She has been a member and board director of the Georgia Association of Community Arts Agencies, Macon Symphony Orchestra, Macon Concert Association, Macon Arts Alliance, Macon Chamber of Commerce Cultural Awareness Committee, as well as many other arts organizations. Now a resident of Saluda, North Carolina, Jeanette continues to be involved in her community.

Jeanette Shackelford has received numerous awards and recognitions, bringing honor to her alma mater. MidSummer Macon established the Jeanette Shackelford Scholarships in Music in her honor. She received the Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award and was named a Woman of Achievement by Career Women's Network in Macon. She is a recipient of the Sigma Alpha Iota Ring of Excellence, Rose of Honor, and the Ruby Sword of Honor awards.

## Distinguished Service to the Church LUCY NEELEY ADAMS, CLASS OF 1956



Lucy Neeley Adams' lifetime of service to the United Methodist Church and her efforts to promote worldwide spiritual growth through hymns and their histories is an inspiring story.

Leading nightly vespers in her Wesleyan dorm room fifty years ago, the Methodist minister's

wife has always loved to tell the story of her faith. The journey that began as a music ministry within the United Methodist churches where her husband was a pastor led Lucy to become a radio personality, a newspaper columnist, and an award-winning author.

Lucy Adams' lifelong love of church music has impacted the spiritual growth of many. "To think of someone composing a song that lasts hundreds of years is amazing," she says. "People write hymns from the heart." She began delving into composers' lives in the belief that a hymn's background can enhance its meaning, and is now widely recognized for her writing and ministry.

The Columbia, South Carolina, native's earliest memories are of music. By the time she entered Wesleyan in 1952, she had been singing

with her ukulele and appearing on a weekly radio program. At the end of her junior year in 1955, Lucy married Woodward A. (Woody) Adams Jr. and moved to Nashville where Woody entered Vanderbilt Seminary. Lucy later completed her degree in Christian education at Scarritt College in 1962. That same year the family moved to Korea and served as missionaries. In 1964 they were asked to serve on the campus of the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico.

After three years, the family returned to Tennessee where Lucy immersed herself in raising four children, teaching Sunday School, singing alto in the choir, playing her autoharp, and performing above and beyond the myriad duties of a minister's wife. In Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, she organized and was president of Church Women United (1970-1974), a group that launched the town's first Christian bookstore. In the early 1980s Lucy began teaching women's Bible studies at the jail in Paris, Tennessee.

Congregations across Tennessee listened to her hymn histories and wanted to hear more. In 1984, in an effort to reach a broader audience with her stories, Lucy turned to an old familiar medium, radio. Each day on Nashville's WWGM Christian Radio she sang the first eight notes of "I Love to Tell the Story" then provided a five-minute "Story Behind the Song." Her program eventually aired on five different stations.

When the family moved to Cookeville, Tennessee, in 1995, Lucy's music ministry broadened again. She joined the Cookeville Creative Writers Association and was urged to put her hymn stories into print. For the next five years, her bi-monthly column, "Song Stories," appeared in the *Herald-Citizen*. In the last few years, Lucy has written "Song Stories" and "Healing Stories" for *The Mountaineer* in Waynesville, North Carolina.

In 1998 Lucy Adams was named Cookeville's "Writer of the Year." The idea for her book, *52 Hymn Story Devotions*, evolved from her popular newspaper columns. Since 2000, the publication from Abingdon Press has sold more than 7,000 copies. It was selected to be on the 2006 Reading Program of the United Methodist Women.

In 2000, Lucy and her husband retired to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Lucy remains active on the Advisory Council of the United Methodist Aldersgate Renewal Ministry as well as the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, and Christian Writers Fellowship International. She continues to write. Her award-winning children's story, "Sam and Suzie Socks" appears in the book *Beyond Time And Place* and "The Touch of Jesus" is a part of the 2005 publication *Changed: The Power Of Christian Music*.

## Distinguished Achievement in a Profession LU McELROY STEED, CLASS OF 1958



Lu McElroy Steed's achievements as an outstanding southern artist, a mentor of young artists, and advocate for the arts has earned her a place of distinction in the Atlanta community and beyond.

Her artwork has been described as "big, bold, and exciting." She

herself has been described as "a brilliant colorist," "one of a kind," and "a hundred and one pounds of grit, gristle, and ingratititude." That last tongue-in-cheek comment was written by her loving husband Bob Steed, an astute attorney and widely published humorist.

Linda Ruth McElroy came to Wesleyan from her hometown of Bowden, Georgia, graduating in 1958 with a degree in home economics. Afterward, she moved to Atlanta, married her high school sweetheart, and was soon involved in all the activities of a young Atlanta homemaker. She was "thirty-something" when her husband gave her a painting set as a gift; the rest, as they say, is history.

Art soon became her driving passion. Frustrated that she could not paint people, she enrolled at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center,

where she studied for eight years with Amelia James. Since that time, Lu Steed has been lauded by her former teacher for her "unique manner of portraying people in their time and place..." In 1983 she received the Judges' Choice and Purchase Award at Callanwolde's Georgia Artists Show.

Lu paints on walls and on large canvases. Morris Brandon Elementary School, where her children were students, boasts two of her murals. She also picked up an honorable mention in the Atlanta Urban Wall competition in 1978. Numerous offices and other facilities feature her interior wall graphics. She speaks of herself as a contemporary realist, working in vivid colors on a large scale. Her highly prized works range from still life to portraiture and can be found on magazine covers such as *Brown's Guide to Georgia*, in prestigious offices and other business facilities, and in private collections from Georgia to the District of Columbia and London.

Lu Steed has been the subject of several one-woman shows (including one at Wesleyan in 1979) and a participant in a long list of group shows. For the past twenty-five years her work has been the subject of numerous articles published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Magazines such as *Southern Homes*, *Peachtree Papers*, *Truckers/USA* and other publications have all paid homage to her unique brand of artistic Americana.

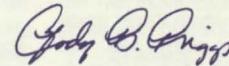
Lu Steed is well known for her portraits of massive eighteen-wheelers and the men who drive them. Her research included frequenting trucking companies and truck stops, plus a road trip with a female trucker. Writing of Lu's innovative truck project in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in 1988, Andrew Sparks depicts her subjects as "strong rugged men and aggressive vehicles that look as if they could come right off the canvas and demolish you."

According to the artist, she has used trucks and truckers as a metaphor for the American scene and spirit. Georgia author and physician Ferrol Sams, who has some of Lu Steed's work in his own personal collection, has captured her essence in these words: "Although Lu is a diminutive female, she paints like a roaring warrior...and her paintings project a spiritual and intellectual quality that is not commonly seen in modern day artists."

Atlanta Gallery owner Robert Matre has said, "Lu is easily one of the most celebrated and sought after artists in the city of Atlanta. Her role as a supporter of the arts is just as vital." Indeed, Lu Steed's interest in art rises above her own work. She and Bob are avid collectors, and one noteworthy aspect of their home is a two-story gallery showcasing a collection of modern art, created largely by Georgia artists.

# WELCOME TO THE WESLEYAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF MANAGERS

*A Message from the President:* I am extremely honored to begin my first year as President of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association and its Board of Managers. The board, which is the governing body of the association, is made up of alumnae who are not only interested in what is currently happening on campus, but also committed to doing our part to move Wesleyan forward. Our area of focus this year will be on student recruitment. There are many ways that alumnae can be involved in the recruitment process. Won't you join us in identifying and encouraging young women to consider the Wesleyan experience? We are all truly ambassadors for our alma mater — together we can make a difference!



Jody Bethea Riggs '88

President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association



## National Officers (2006-2009)

**PRESIDENT, JODY BETHEA RIGGS '88** Chattanooga, Tennessee

ADVANCED DEGREE: CPA.

OCCUPATION: Personal Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Former Treasurer, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Past President-Elect, WCAA; Past President, Chattanooga Alumnae Club; Alumnae Admissions Representative.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Teacher and Member of Church Committees, Christ United Methodist Church.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT, SUSAN WOODWARD WALKER '70** Franklin, Tennessee

ADVANCED DEGREE: M.S., Old Dominion University.

OCCUPATION: Homemaker and Volunteer.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Former Vice President for Development, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Former Alumnae Weekend Chair, WCAA; Class Reunion Chair; Loyalty Fund Chair and Vice-Chair; Society for the 21st Century.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Elder and Chair of the Personnel Committee, Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church; First Vice Regent, Old Glory Chapter DAR; Recording Secretary, Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee; Clan Munro Association, USA; Past Secretary and Treasurer, The Harpeth Hall School Parents Association; Past Chair, Harpeth Academy Board of Trustees; Past President, Allied Arts Club.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT, HAZEL BURNS STRUBY '74** Gray, Georgia

ADVANCED DEGREE: M.Ed., Mercer University; Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University.

OCCUPATION: Director of Instruction, Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC).

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Class Reunion Chair; Past Member, Scholarship Committee; Class Liaison; Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Sustainer, Junior League; Volunteer, Mulberry Street Methodist Church; Member of Various Committees, CGTC.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSION, BETTY LO '95** Mableton, Georgia

OCCUPATION: Strategic Planner for Global Information Technology, The Coca-Cola Company.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Former Secretary, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Class Reunion Committee; Class Liaison; Atlanta Young Alumnae Group; Society for the 21st Century; Convocation Speaker; Admission volunteer - Atlanta Area.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Coca-Cola Reaching Out Program; Chair, Coca-Cola APA Employee Forum; Volunteer, Atlanta Cultural Experience; 2008 National Convention Co-Chair, National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP); Volunteer, Georgia Aquarium; National Association of Advertisers; Organization for Chinese Americans; Chopstix for Charity; 2002 Winter Olympics Torchbearer.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION ENRICHMENT, ASHLEY GARRETT '90** Athens, Georgia

ADVANCED DEGREE: M.A., Auburn University.

OCCUPATION: Computer Education Manager, Athens Regional Medical Center (ARMC).

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Former Secretary, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Former Vice President for Publications and Public Relations, WCAA (Class Notes Editor); Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Class Reunion Committee; Alumnae Admissions Representative; Candlelighter; Society for the 21st Century.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Chair, ARMC's "Getting Involved for Tomorrow" (GIFT) Program; Organizing Committee for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night" Walk; Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donor; *Abraham's Aunties* Quilt Circle.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, DEBBIE HACKETT BROWN '90** Brunswick, Georgia

OCCUPATION: Homemaker, Volunteer, and Associate with Bank of America and Brown's Antiques.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Golden Isles Wesleyan Alumnae Group; Class Reunion Committee.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Graduate, Leadership Georgia and Leadership Glynn; First Baptist Church of Brunswick; Chair, Social Concerns Committee; Member and Marketing Co-Chair, Women's Ministry Council; Awana Leader; FaithWorks Board of Directors; Downtown Development Authority, Façade Grant Review Committee; Former Steering Committee Member and Program Committee Co-Chair, YWCA Tribute to Women Leaders.





**SECRETARY, SHANNON McGINLEY '99** *Augusta, Georgia*  
ADVANCED DEGREE: M.S.W., University of South Carolina.  
OCCUPATION: Social Worker for Heartland Hospice, Augusta.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: President, Augusta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Class Liaison.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Contract Therapist for Family Counseling Center of the CSRA; Board Member, Augusta Unit National Association of Social Workers; 2005 Social Worker of the Year.



**TREASURER, MELANIE FILSON LEWIS '93** *Morrow, Georgia*  
OCCUPATION: Analyst, Bank of America.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Class Liaison; Alumnae Admissions Representative; Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; WAVE; Wesleyan License Tag Project  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: President, Local Chapter United Methodist Women, Morrow United Methodist Church; Nursery Coordinator and VBS Director, Morrow UMC; Elementary School Volunteer; Cross-stitch and Quilting Groups.



**ALUMNA TRUSTEE (2006-2009), VIRGINIA BARBER PERKINS '63** *Tallahassee, Florida*  
OCCUPATION: Homemaker and Community Volunteer.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Tallahassee Wesleyan Alumnae Club Leader; Million Dollar Women Member; Adopt-A-Painting Art Restoration Project (restored *Nantucket* painting); Admission Office Volunteer; Class Liaison.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Past Treasurer, Junior League of Tallahassee; St. John's Episcopal Church: Past Vestry Member, Altar Guild Past Chair; Needlepoint Committee Chair; and St. John's Bookstore Buyer; Leon County Public Library Volunteer and Monthly Library Columnist for the *Tallahassee Democrat*; Tallahassee Literary Club; Last Word Book Club; National Society, The Colonial Dames of America; Junior League Sustainers, Past Chair; and former Cub Scout Den Mother.



**ALUMNA TRUSTEE (2004-2007), MARY CATHERINE "M.C." COLLINS O'KELLEY '72** *Snellville, Georgia*  
OCCUPATION: Flight Attendant, Delta Airlines.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Past President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Past President-Elect, WCAA; Past President, Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Class Liaison; Candlelighter; Presidential Search Committee; President, Society for the 21st Century; Alumnae Admissions Representative.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Junior League of Atlanta; Snellville United Methodist Church.



**ALUMNA TRUSTEE (2005-2008), VIRGINIA "GINGER" SUMERFORD YORK '60** *Panama City, Florida*  
ADVANCED DEGREE: M.A.; D.A., Middle Tennessee State University.  
OCCUPATION: Retired Professor of Economics and History, Gulf Coast Community College.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: 1996 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession; Convocation Speaker; Loyalty Fund Chair and Vice-Chair; Gulf Coast Wesleyan Alumnae Group.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Chair, Bay Arts Alliance Board of Directors; Leadership Florida; Board of Directors, National Issues Forums-Washington, DC; Chair, First United Methodist Church of Panama City Board of Trustees; Associate, Kettering Foundation; Fellow, Citizen Leadership Institute-Gulf Coast Community College; Florida and Bay County Chambers of Commerce; Board Chair, Very Special Arts-Florida Panhandle District; Past President, Bay Arts Alliance.



**MEMBER-AT-LARGE FOR NOMINATIONS (2004-2007), RUTH POWELL STORTS '93** *Columbus, Georgia*  
OCCUPATION: Director of Business Systems, TSYS.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Class President and Reunion Chair; Columbus Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Event Coordinator, Columbus Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Wesleyan College Admission Office WAVE Volunteer; Candlelighter.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Administrative Board, St. Luke United Methodist Church; Recording Secretary, and Singles Council, St. Luke UMC; Board Member and Annual Membership Drive, Park District Historical Society; Volunteer, Arts in the Park; Past Captain and Member/Player, Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA).



**MEMBER-AT-LARGE FOR STUDENT RELATIONS (2005-2008), BRANDY HAYES '98** *Macon, Georgia*  
ADVANCED DEGREE: M.B.A., Wesleyan College.  
OCCUPATION: Accountant, Office of Randall Brittain, CPA.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Treasurer, Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Class Liaison; Alumnae-Link; Alumnae E-Link Chair; Candlelighter; Commencement Reception Committee; Alumnae Office Undergraduate Student Worker (4 years)  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Board Chair, Macon Professional Women's Sertoma Club; Past President, Macon Professional Women's Sertoma Club; Finance and Education Committees, Mulberry United Methodist Church.



**MEMBER-AT-LARGE FOR ALUMNAE WEEKEND (2006-2009), FLO WILLIAMS DOUGLAS '67** *Milledgeville, Georgia*  
ADVANCED DEGREE: M.Ed., Georgia Southern University.  
OCCUPATION: Mental Health Counselor, Bill Ireland Youth Development Center.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Class Reunion Chair; Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Former Golden Isles Club Coordinator; Prospective Student Party Coordinator; Candlelighter.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Director of Music Ministries for United Methodist Churches; Volunteer, Church Leadership Positions; Walk to Emmaus Leadership; Milledgeville Music Club.



**PAST PRESIDENT, DEBBIE STEVENSON MOSES '89** *Atlanta, Georgia*  
ADVANCED DEGREE: J.D., Vanderbilt University.  
OCCUPATION: Attorney.  
ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES: Past President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA); Past President-Elect and Former Member-At-Large for Nominations, WCAA; Past President, Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Alumnae Admissions Representative; Society for the 21st Century; Baccalaureate Marker Speaker.  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Insurance Professionals of Atlanta.

# Now is the time to nominate Wesleyan women deserving of alumnae honors for the year 2007.

Alumnae Awards include:

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT  
IN A PROFESSION

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO  
THE COMMUNITY, CHURCH,  
OR WESLEYAN COLLEGE

## YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD

The Young Alumna Award recognizes outstanding achievement of an alumna who is under forty years of age and who received her baccalaureate degree from Wesleyan College.

Forms for each of the award categories are available on-line at [www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae](http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae) or from the Wesleyan College Alumnae Office, 4760 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210 (478-757-5172)

The deadline for nominations is January 12, 2007. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association held during Alumnae Weekend on April 21, 2007.



## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association presented the Valeria McCullough Murphey Award for outstanding and enduring contributions to Wesleyan alumnae to Thomas Langston Bass, chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees, at the annual meeting of the alumnae association in April. Recognized for more than 30 years of service to the college, Tom Bass has been a trustee since 1988 and became board chair in 2002. He was a member of Wesleyan's first Board of Associates, serving a term as president. He has been chair of numerous trustee committees, including the committee that selected Ruth A. Knox as Wesleyan's 24th president.

*Named in honor of the first alumna to chair the Board of Trustees, the Valeria McCullough Murphey Award was established to give public praise and recognition to individuals who have exhibited extraordinary services to the college.*

# Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

**Patricia Elise Sterling '84** of West Hartford, Conn., who married Allan Joseph Brzezinski on April 29, 2006.

**Staca Hiatt '92** of Kingman, Ariz., who married Bob Hickok on April 5, 2006, in Las Vegas.

**Ruth Powell '93** of Columbus, Ga., who married Brian Storts on the beach in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., on June 10, 2006.

**Amy Daniels '99** of Gainesville, Fla., who married Paul Ghiotto on December 31, 2005.

**Nicole Miller '99** of Juno Beach, Fla., who married Todd Jablonski on May 6, 2006, in West Palm Beach.

**Amanda Bickley '00** of Kathleen, Ga., who married Edwin Aguilar on November 25, 2005.

**Laura Megan Temple '02** of Macon, who married Thomas Earl "Trey" Golden III on June 10, 2006, at Christ Episcopal Church in Macon.

**Lauren-Summers Hodgens '04** of Macon, who married Michael Steven Carosielli of Mt. Prospect, Ill., on June 17, 2006.

# Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

**Patsy Uphold Smith '85** and Philip of Riverside, Conn., on the birth of a son, William Chase Smith, on February 10, 2006.

**Eli Ceballos '91** and husband David Kirby of Lynchburg, Vir., on the birth of a son, Hayden Knox Ceballos-Kirby, on January 23, 2006. Big sister Gillian is thrilled with her little brother.

**Melissa Malone Constable '91** and Chris of Pawleys Island, S.C., on the birth of a daughter, Cassie Marie Constable, on July 27, 2006.

**Kristin Van Brero Yashko '91** and Gregory of Vienna, Vir., on the birth of a son, Richard Walker Yashko, on April 6, 2006.

**Katie Garret '92** and husband Pasi Miettinen of on the birth of a daughter, Alexandria Quinn Miettinen-Garrett, in May 2006. She joins older sisters, Sophia (5) and Isabella (2).

**Jenny Pozo Pfefferkorn '95** and Karl of Tullahoma, Tenn., on the birth of a son, William David, on June 17, 2005.

**Sharon Brim Chappell '96** and Dave of Charlotte, N.C., on the birth of a son, Camden Chappelle, on September 6, 2005.

**Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague '96** and Brian of Orange Park, Fla., on the birth of a son, William Sidney Hague, on June 25, 2006.

**Sherry Neal '96** and husband Dan Wright of Atlanta, on the birth of a daughter, Latha Lois Wright, on May 4, 2006.

**Sarah Marshall Nester '99** and Richard of Belleville, Wis., on the birth of a third daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Hyang, on July 20, 2006.

**Natalie Burdette Benson '00** and Dwayne of Macon, on the birth of a daughter, Meryt Sherrill Benson, on October 12, 2005.

**Bonne Boyd Bedingfield '03** and Jason on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Claire Bedingfield, on July 28, 2006.

**Kelsey Rourk Simons '04** and Christopher Aaron of Albuquerque, N.M., on the birth of a son, Oliver Rourk Simons, on February 26, 2006.

# Sympathy

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:*

**Mary Meyer Wood '41** of Alexandria, Vir., on the death of her sister, **Winnie Meyer Benscoter '30** of Atlanta, on November 24, 2005.

**Sarah Glover Osgood '44** of Jacksonville, Fla., on the death of her husband, Donald Osgood, on April 6, 2006.

**Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** of Thomaston, Ga., on the death of her oldest son, Bill Nall Jr., on November 6, 2005.

**Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge '45** of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her husband, Frank C. Steinbruegge, on August 8, 2006.

**Mildred Scott "Scotty" McGoldrick '47** of Macon, on the death of her husband, John Thomas "Tommy" McGoldrick, on June 26, 2006.

**Margaret "Bootsie" McWilliams Goforth '48** of Charlotte, N.C., on the death of her husband, William Jackson "Bill" Goforth, on July 1, 2006.

**JoAnn Russell Campbell '50** of Lilburn, Ga., on the death of her cousin, **Betty Davis Shingler '45** of Tucker, Ga., on July 3, 2006.

**Ann Weaver Paschal '50** of Columbia, S.C., on the death of her husband, Robert Sheldon Paschal Jr., on January 16, 2006.

**Sarah Roughton Wilson '52** of Sandersville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Oliver Wilson, on April 20, 2006.

**Jo Ann Blackwell Deal '56** of Longwood, Fla., on the death of her husband, Robert Lee Deal, in July 2005.

**Jimmie Claire Copeland North Collison '57** of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her husband, William Henry "Bill" Collison Jr., on May 2, 2006.

**Carol Banks Wilburn '60** of Gulf Breeze, Fla., on the death of her mother, **Clementine Strozier Banks '22** in June 2006.

**Ann Frost Copeland '61** of Charlotte, N.C., on the death of her husband, John W. Copeland, on June 26, 2006.

**Beth Mason Duncan '61** of Ponte Vedra, Fla., on the death of her husband, Donald Eric Duncan, on August 23, 2006.

# In Memoriam

<b>1922</b>	Clementine Strozier Banks
<b>1930</b>	Winnie Meyer Benscoter
	Mildred Garrett Borom
<b>1931</b>	Annette White King
<b>1933</b>	Mary Rudisill Trippe
<b>1934</b>	Emily Thigpen Barrett
	Margaret Miller Glover
	Virginia Milam Jordan
	Lora Solomon McCord
	Frances Cook "Cookie" Sanders
	Florence Weldon Smith
	Sara Gilbert Tabor
<b>1936</b>	Margina Gates Dunlap
	Alice Cook Park
<b>1938</b>	Mary Kay Thornton Porter
	Elaine Goodson Osteen Waite
<b>1939</b>	Mary Noble McQuerry
<b>1940</b>	Dorothy Lambdin Beckman
	Eleanora Marston Kenworthy
	Beth Arnold McGehee
<b>1942</b>	Elizabeth Lewis Heyer
<b>1943</b>	Betty Liipfert Hewes
<b>1944</b>	Frances "Fanny" Hurt Holley
<b>1945</b>	Dorothy Herndon Arnold
	Mary Emma Smith McAfee
	Betty Davis Shingler
<b>1946</b>	Gloria Clancy Briggs
	Carolyn Mathews Miller
<b>1947</b>	Jeanette Chichester Adams
	Genella Nye Olker
	Frances Harris Trezervard
<b>1948</b>	Margie Burton Dixon
<b>1949</b>	Pauline Davidson Mansfield
<b>1951</b>	Sarah Murphy Mercer
<b>1952</b>	Betty Williams Lee
<b>1954</b>	Jack Robinson Hooton
	Betty Bate McCrary
	Sally Rogers McNeil
<b>1956</b>	Sue Sims Dunn
<b>1958</b>	Sylvia Tabor Shealy
<b>1963</b>	Virginia Ezell Dodson
<b>1964</b>	Helen Cousar Wells
<b>1966</b>	Patsy Anne Matthews
<b>1967</b>	Ann Alexander Whitley
<b>1976</b>	Ruby Annette Wilson Sanders



## Class of 1941 65th reunion

Anna Lou Carrington Marvin '41 of Walterboro, South Carolina, and her grandson, John Henderson, celebrate her 65th reunion during Alumnae Weekend 2006. Welcomed by a standing ovation at the annual meeting, Anna Lou held the class flag proudly as the oldest alumna in attendance. Back home in Walterboro, Anna Lou enjoys keeping up with her five grandchildren (four boys and one girl) and with her daughter, Alta Mae Marvin Henderson '73. They both look forward to their annual fall trip that will take them to Philadelphia this year.

## 1920s

**Annie Mays Larmore '28** of Atlanta writes, "As a 99 year old alumna I am proud of present day Wesleyan College and I wish to sacrifice to contribute to the future of Wesleyan's contribution to the education of women. Wesleyan has maintained a high standard of Christian education for women for over a hundred years – through wars, years of prosperity, and depressions. Although I was reared three doors from Mercer's campus, and although my grandfather and father were 'Mercerians,' I could not attend Mercer for it was men only. Wesleyan welcomed me. I was a Baptist minister's daughter and was granted a 2/3 tuition discount. During my senior year (1928) each student was asked to pledge \$240 to the fund for building the new Wesleyan campus. Following graduation I taught in high school and attended Mercer University summer school to receive a master's degree. I could only give \$10 a year during the Great Depression years. I have pledged to every fund drive by Wesleyan. May God continue to bless Wesleyan."

## 1930s

"I'm still active at 94, and recently passed the test to renew my driver's license. I live alone but go out a lot," reports **Virginia Perry Buckner '33**. She and her two children, and daughter-in-law traveled to North Carolina in August. Back home in Daytona Beach, Florida, Virginia plays weekly bridge (she had the high score for three weeks running)!

In June, **Elsie Lowden Hambright '34** enjoyed a birthday party in Highlands, North Carolina, with her two daughters and son-in-law. Grandson Bert Maxwell IV works for his father at the furniture store. Elsie sees Conservatory classmate **Frances Wood Maffett '36** at Carlyle Place in Macon, where they both live.

**Ruth Ingle Warren '38**, a classmate and I are enjoying the luxury living of Riverwood Village, an independent retirement community with many activities. We are both Purple Knights and hope we win the challenge cup. We are supporting Melanie and enjoyed receiving her letter," reports **Dot DuPuis Mackin '38** of Silver Spring, Maryland.

**Mimi Cordes Kelley '39** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, has self-published a third grade language arts book entitled *Our Story Book*. "If an elementary education class would like a copy (or more) I'd be glad to send a book (or books)," offers Mimi.

**Mary Lovett Sharpe Robinson '39** writes from Sylvania, Georgia, that she has moved to "Tremble Toe Lodge" situated on a 15-acre lake. "It is wonderful to give all your belongings away and downsize. My six children and their spouses, plus my 23 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren visit me often. By the time I visit with all of my family, the year has passed. I continue to recall my college days very vividly."

## 1940s

"It is always great to hear from my Wesleyan friends," writes **Emily Cottingham Stuart '41**, who is enjoying retirement in Blacksburg, Virginia.

From her home in Tennille, Georgia, **Edith Chappell McMaster '42** writes, "Sixty-four years ago I graduated in piano under Professor Joseph Maerz. There are many wonderful memories. The campus and buildings are more beautiful than ever, and there's a much larger student body. I have been in Tennille for 61 years. Luckily, three of my children live in the county, with two close by in Macon."

"I think of you all especially in April at reunion time – but Wesleyan is always in my heart," writes **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** from Rochester, New York. In June, Alice and husband Fred traveled to Ithaca for Fred's 70th Cornell reunion and also celebrated their 60th anniversary. "It was a 1 and 1/2 hour drive to Ithaca," writes Alice. "How I wish I were just 1 and 1/2 hours from Wesleyan! Class of '42 has lost our golden girl 'B' King. How beautiful she was to watch on the tennis courts!"

"Last November I retired from the Telfair County Library – and now I can clean my house when I get all the library history out. I thought when I reached this age (85) I'd have a little spare time. I do believe that I had more free time when I had a nine-to-five job! I see **Faye Ponder Parks '40** and **Bobby Ponder Smith '38** and others but don't hear much from my old classmates – write me, girls," says **Ruby Maloy White '42** of McRae, Georgia.

Congratulations to Dana L. Jones and **Paige Adams Jones '43** of College Park, Georgia, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 25 with their two daughters, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and other family members. Dana

served with the Eighth Air Force in Europe as a B-24 pilot before becoming a pilot with Delta Airlines in 1945. Paige became one of Delta's first flight attendants after graduating from Wesleyan. After flying together for a short time, Dana married his "favorite stewardess" in 1946. In 1982 Dana retired from Delta after 35 years of service. The Joneses have continued to enjoy their home and gardens in College Park where they have lived since 1949.

"My beloved husband, Donald Osgood, departed this life on April 6, 2006. Many classmates will remember him. We met at Wesleyan in 1943 and I will be ever thankful that I chose Wesleyan. Meeting Don was the highlight of my Wesleyan years," writes **Sarah Glover Osgood '44** from Jacksonville, Florida. (See *Sympathy*.)

In August 2005, **Ethel Campbell Williams '44** and her husband, Harley, moved to Givens Estates, a beautiful WNC Conference Methodist retirement home in Asheville, North Carolina. "We live in a lovely apartment in a new 'independent living' complex. It is great!" says Ethel.

**Sara Griffin James '45** of Jesup, Georgia, suffered a heart attack the day before Mother's Day. She is recovering nicely and hopes to be back on the golf course soon! She and **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** keep in touch. Sara said that Mary Frances and Bill will move to a smaller apartment but they spent the summer at their home in North Carolina.

Congratulations to **Polly Domingos Lester '45** and her husband, Malcolm, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in

## Class of 1946 60th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Sue Lott Clark, Helen Proctor Watson, Laurel Dean Gray Craft, Jane Kollock McCall Row 2 (L to R): Lou Matteson Jones, Mary McCord Tierney, Bess Bledsoe Conley, Clifton Wight Quinly



July. Her sister, **Lucia Domingos Chapman '48** from Mobile, Alabama, and Lucia's daughter, **Lucia Chapman Carr '77** of Macon, traveled to Davidson, North Carolina, for the occasion.

"Our beloved oldest son Bill Nall, Jr. (53) died suddenly on November 6, 2005. Services were held at Thomaston First United Methodist Church and Salem United Methodist Church in Covington, Georgia, on the same day, November 9, 2005," reports **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** of Thomaston, Georgia. (See *Sympathy*.)

According to **Winifred "Wini" Bosch Titterton '45**, "Life is going on in a merry pace. Volunteerism is my way of life now – library, score, church, Red Hat, six grandchildren (five boys and one girl) Fun! Fun!"

### 1946 (60th Reunion)

"Congratulations to our Class of 1946 for having set a record for the most attendees for a 60th reunion! The well planned festivities by the College made for a grand get-together. As always, the class party at Mort and **Beverly Burgess Meadors**' home with co-hosts David and **Joyce Daniel Mann**, was super. We had another party at the motel on Saturday night which was very entertaining. The ones who came for part or all of the reunion were **Becky Yates Anders** and daughter, Buffie Du Puis; **Jane Wallace Baggett** and guest, Lena Morris; Leslie and **Dimple Brison Brown**; **Susan Lott Clark**; **Bess Bledsoe Conley**; Fisher and **Laurel Dean Gray Craft**; Richard and **Mary Nunn Domingos**; Harry and **Lou Matteson Jones**; **Jean Pim Kinsman**; **Clifton Wight Quinly**;

**Jackie Lamm Souder**; **Mary McCord Tierney**; **Helen Proctor Watson** and Guyton and **Jane Kollock McCall**. Now let's all look forward to our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2011! Wow," reports Class President Jane McCall.

**Susan Lott Clark '46** lives in Waycross, Georgia, where she is still active with the two museums she helped found: Okefenokee Heritage Center for local history and the arts, and Southern Forest World that tells the fascinating story of Southern forests. She is also working at her church bringing its history up to date, working on a family book, and a book for the museums – plus grandmothering. Two grandchildren are in college – Victoria at Harvard; Daniel at UGA. Two finished high school – Evelyn was valedictorian and Susannah placed 2nd in the State (Class A) Voice Competition.

Alora (12), who won top honors playing trumpet in middle school band and James (15), who won the Georgia State Literary (Class AA) Spelling Contest, will be the only two at home this year. Sue is the author of *Southern Letters and Life in the Mid 1800s* (non-fiction) composed of about 210 letters written during the War Between the States between a Confederate officer and his family. She also has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**, as the first woman to receive the Wise Owl Award given by the Georgia Forestry Association. Sue missed having her husband, Bill, who died in 2003, with her at her 60th reunion. "He used to love to attend with me. I remain highly grateful to Wesleyan for four wonderful years there," writes Susan.

**Anne Carlton Blanchard '47** of Asheville, North Carolina, remembers her good friend **Jean Perkins Heard '47**. They both played on the GH Soccer Team in 1943.

Later, they were engaged to two Macon boys, John Heard and Dick Blanchard. Dick came to visit Anne almost every night but seniors could stay out until midnight and the last bus left campus at 11:15 p.m. so Dick took his chances on getting a ride after 12:00. John Heard had a car and would frequently drive Dick back to Mercer. Later Anne and Jean discovered that they were distant cousins. "I won't forget Jean," writes Anne.

**Patsy "Jane" Stapp Nadon '47** of Tijeras, New Mexico, is "living retirement life to the fullest." She and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April by taking a cruise through the Panama Canal. In July they took a river cruise from Kiev to Odessa.

"I especially enjoyed being on the ever beautiful Wesleyan campus in March when the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service was dedicated to honor my cousins and lifelong friends, Bill Lane and **Eleanor Adams Lane '58**, and the late Linda Harriet Lane," writes **Jane Mallet Settle '47** from Jackson, Georgia.

**Kathryn Stiles Stribling '47** was thrilled to attend her Palm Sunday Service at Clarkesville First United Methodist Church and to hear "An Easter Cantata" arranged and played by **Paula Cobb Gibson '81**. "Paula is very gifted – a wonderful addition to our church as pianist and organist," writes Kathryn.

**Betty Tillman Hodges '48**, **Nona Hodges Foster '48**, **Virginia Rushing Trapnell '46** (all from Statesboro, Georgia) and **Betty Sue Brannen McDougal '48** from Montreat, North Carolina, attended a 1944 Statesboro High School class reunion and had a great visit!

**Betty Atwater '49** is the author of *The Most Excellent Way*, a book of devotions. She enjoyed selling her book during Alumnae Weekend and appreciates the response to her book from classmates and friends. Proceeds from the book, which is a journey of her faith and love, benefit her church, Cherokee Heights United Methodist Church, in Macon. For more information on how to receive a book, contact Betty at (478) 757-0109.

Congratulations to **Emily Hancock Bredeson '49** of Pinehurst, North Carolina, who celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a Mediterranean cruise. Emily says, "We are blessed with good health and a large family."

From Knoxville, Tennessee, **Betty Bunty Googe '49** reports, "We are enjoying our new house on Tybee Island. Joe, my husband of 57 years, made most of the furniture."

"The Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon has restored Kingfisher Cabin, my grandfather's (Harry Stillwell Edwards) retreat where he did a lot of his writing and thinking. This year being the 50th anniversary of the Museum, there was a rededication of the Museum and cabin on June 11. The man who restored it is Kerry Browning whose hobby is restoring historic cabins," writes **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49** from Jacksonville, Florida. The *Macon Telegraph* featured the cabin's history and restoration efforts in an April 25th article. On another note, Mary Lane reminisces on the death of **Annette White King '31** of Jacksonville. "The passing of Annette King marked the end of an era for me. She was the leader of the "old guard" of Wesleyan alumnae in



## Class of 1951 55th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Peggy Worrell Murphy, Emily Perry Grier, Frances "Coota" Hiers Whitworth, Virginia Mackay Larson, Dorothy "Binky" Russell Leggett Row 2 (L to R): Marjorie Perkins Squires, Jean Elsom Hogan, Helen Longino Dunwody, Jane Schmidt Catlin, Betty Smith Addison, Jane Wilkin Anthony, Georgia Anne "GeGe" Milligan Arthur

Jacksonville. When I moved here in 1968, Annette, along with **Sara Hammock Middlebrooks '32**, **Hazel Macon Nixon '31**, and **Gladys Leavitt Prior '32** were helping with recruitment, influencing young ladies to attend Wesleyan, and helping raise money for the college. It was an inspiration and lots of fun to work with Annette and the other ladies. God bless them."

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church in Oxford, Georgia, honored **Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** and presented her with a special painting for her valuable contribution to worship. Emmie plays the piano for services and rehearsals.

In March, **Julia Carreker Mathias '49** of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, enjoyed a visit from her dear friend, **Anne Strozier Threadgill '49**. Julia's son and his family have resettled in Spring, Texas, following their move from Louisiana due to hurricane Katrina. Two of Julia's granddaughters are spending six weeks in Hungary and Slovakia teaching English.

She's one of Atlanta's "Top 55 Over Fifty-Five" and one of Atlanta's "Most Beautiful Seniors," according to an article in the Premier Issue of *Swing* magazine that celebrates lifestyles of active mature adults and named **Jerrye Griffith Short '49** of Stone Mountain, Georgia, to its coveted list. The former Ms. Senior Georgia (1997) and retired Teacher of the Year is a community volunteer *par excellence* who performs in more than 100 shows each year, singing and dancing at nursing homes, retirement centers, churches, schools, and civic groups. A motivational speaker, she also volunteers at the DeKalb Medical Center, and is active with her church, playing piano for vari-

ous groups. During springtime Jerrye AKA The Easter Bunny dresses up and visits hospitals and shut-ins. What's her secret? "Always count your blessings every single day!"

**Libba Cook Smith '49** works three days a week at the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for all ribbon cuttings (they've had 30 so far this year) and for the monthly "Chamber Page" in their local *Statesboro Herald*. She now has 16 grandchildren, counting her "great" grands.

Atlanta resident **Marcella DiVenuto Wood '49** still volunteers for the DeKalb County Health Department (Pediatrics-Public Health). "Everyone can feel warm and fuzzy since I'm on the Disaster Reserve Corps!"

## 1950s

**A. Eugene "Gene" Barton '50** writes that he is enjoying "retirement in Butler, New Jersey; occasional substitute organist/choir director work; his two grandsons; and a trip to Europe in April."

From her home in Nashville, Tennessee, **Peggy Wells MacLeod '50** writes that she would love to hear news of other Conservatory graduates.

"Everybody needs to make connections to old friends these days," is the advice from **Louise Cochran Mayfield '50** of Clarksville, Tennessee. Louise had a long 'catch-up' conversation with **Polly Domingos Lester '45** facilitated by Polly's husband, Malcolm, who looked Louise and her husband up in the Wesleyan Directory.

## 1951 (55th Reunion)

Golden memories surrounded College and Conservatory classmates who returned to celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> reunion in style, thanks to plans made by reunion chair **Helen Longino Dunwody** and co-chair **Marti Banks Gaddis**. Helen arranged for classmates to gather at Idle Hour Country Club on Friday for a party that continued on Saturday night at Marco Italian Restaurant, where reminiscing was the main entrée and dessert.

**Daisy Weathers Boswell '51** continues to be very happy in Woburn, Massachusetts. "I write for our little newspaper, sing in the choral group, joined the book club, and knit blankets for babies in local hospitals. There are many other activities as well. Of course, I love being near my son and his family."

**Jane Rand "Randy" Breunig '51** of Atlanta writes, "The *Wesleyan Magazine* Spring/Summer 2006 was the VERY BEST issue ever – warm, personal, full of all the new and wonderful programs on campus. Pictures and layout are a treat. It should be sent to all prospective students. Congratulations!"

According to **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51** and husband Wylie of Bel Air, Maryland, they have had an eventful year. "Wylie and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October 2005 at the Club. In January our younger daughter, Adriene, had twins (Julia and Wil) and Wylie had hip replacement, which was quite an ordeal. He is doing well now. We just returned from a cruise to the Caribbean."

Maconite **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52** says she looks forward to her 55th reunion in 2007. "I attended the ground breaking for the new science building and felt a real sense of pride in our Alma Mater. I felt so blessed to have had the opportunity to graduate from this magnificent college which launched me into a most wonderful life."

"I really miss my old friend, **Ann Armistead Bearse '52**, who died on November 28, 2005. We met in kindergarten, roomed together at Wesleyan, and continued our friendship until her death," writes **Jean Armstrong Smith '52** of Atlanta.

According to Maconite **Delma Findlay Watson '52**, her sister, **Mary Ellen (Findlay Schmich)**, and Mary Ellen's friends (Class of 1945) what Delma's appetite for Wesleyan. "I have enjoyed not only my four years at Wesleyan but all the years since. I have been proud to be a Wesleyan graduate," says Delma.

My husband, Oliver Wilson, died on April 20, 2006," writes **Sarah Roughton Wilson '52** from Sandersville, Georgia. (See *Sympathy*.)

**Kathleen "Tippie" Smith Hill '53** reminisces, "Rose Holmes Shoptaw '53 and I were study buddies at Wesleyan. This was a continuation that took root at Dublin High School when we spent hours studying Latin."

**Claire Houser-Dodd '53** of Fort Valley, Georgia, had a wonderful time at the Wesleyan Conservatory table at the Golden Belles reunion luncheon. "My roomie, **Varese Chambliss '54**, brought me a Ferragamo miniature shoe in green and gold enamel and a linen guest towel with a special message. A good time was had by all," writes Claire.

## Class of 1956 50th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Pat Drew, Carolyn Sims Brooks, Joan Shapiro Foster, Rosalie "Mac" Voigt Johnson Row 2 (L to R): Lloyd Young Flanders, Mary Emma Welch McConaughey, Jane Courtenay Shockley, Lucy Neeley Adams, Marion "Toot" Wade Mixon Row 3 (L to R): Randy Duncan Parks, Sara Lee Lane Ogilvie, Martha Kennedy Gay, Trudy Wilson Topolosky, Eleanor Deal Law, Emily Sawyer Hart Row 4 (L to R): Ruth Wong Arnow, Jo Copeland Chapple, Lou Ann Taylor Nash, Paula Hunt Geiger, Mary "Tap" Tappan Mabry, Gail Hollingsworth Rabai, Linda Stoner Winslett, Arline Atkins Finch Not pictured: Olivia Evans Kappus, Elva Sanders Smith, Cynthia Clark Quillian



According to **Caroline Eagerton Uppero** '53, "Blessed, indeed, is the tie that binds." In April 2006 she and husband Jess, who live in Arlington, Virginia, had the pleasure of visiting with Dr. Carl Bennett and his wife, Margaret, at their home in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Dr. Bennett was Caroline's English professor and mentor during her years at Wesleyan.

**Maconite Frances Bruce Van Horn** '53 enjoyed an Alaskan cruise with her sister Shirley this past summer. She also has a new great grandbaby girl, Jaden.

The Air Force Academy has a new graduate. Megan Cooper, granddaughter of **Marcia Mallet Ades** '54 graduated on May 31, 2006. Marcia and her husband left home in Deridder, Louisiana, to attend the exciting and beautiful graduation event in Colorado Springs, along with their children and their families. Megan will go to flight training and fulfill a lifetime dream of becoming a pilot.

"My husband Don and I drove through the Wesleyan campus recently on a quiet Sunday afternoon. It was peaceful and lovely, and a nice memory. In a few days, we were at his Alma Mater, West Point, which also has strength and beauty. Very nice images," writes **Betty Moss Swygert** '54 of Alexandria, Virginia.

From Deland, Florida, **Frances Moulthrop Gordon** '55 and husband Hugh attended their annual family reunion this summer with their five children and their families, including 18 grandchildren. Frances and Hugh celebrated their 50th anniversary last year and her 50th year of teaching piano.

"Inspired by Dr. Gulnar Bosch in 1952, my husband and I finally realized my dream to visit Egypt in May 2006," writes **Elizabeth Wilson Lowry** '55, who lives in Glen Allen, Virginia.

### 1956 (50th Reunion)

Reunion co-chairs **Carolyn Sims Brooks** and **Arline Atkins Finch** set the stage for a memorable 50th Wesleyan reunion. Green Knights and their guests returned to the college from all over the country to attend the Golden Belles Luncheon, where Carolyn Brooks began the weekend with a prayer of thanksgiving for a special homecoming. Grand Marshals Arline Finch and **Jane Courtenay Shockley** led the procession of classes with **Joan Shapiro Foster** serving as class flag bearer. Classmates met at the home of **Toot Wade Mixon** for a Friday night class party, and cheered at the annual meeting for two alumnae award recipients from their class, **Pat Drew** and **Lucy Neeley Adams**. Sunday's Morning Watch, chaired by **Lucy Neeley Adams**, provided a meaningful liturgy and ending to a great 50th for a class whose special surprise gift to the college garnered a standing ovation at the annual meeting when they announced the naming of the *Green Knight Greenhouse* in the new Munroe Science Center.

**Lucy Neeley Adams** '56 and her husband Woody celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their four children: John, Scott, Ben, and Joy are all married and have given them 14 grandchildren. Lucy and Woody met at Lake Junaluska, where they now live in retirement. Woody is a United Methodist minister and served in Tennessee. Lucy has played the autoharp for more than 30 years

and she has even written a manual on it for Sunday School teachers, "Be a Musicmaker with the Autoharp: It's as Easy as 1,2,3!" Congratulations to Lucy who is a 2006 Alumnae Award recipient. "My heart overflows with joy as I remember our 50th class reunion of April 2006. I am thankful for each moment," says Lucy. (See *Alumnae Awards*, page 27.)

**Mary Shaw Adcock** '56 and her husband, Louie, visited the Grand Canyon via Las Vegas recently with one of their sons and grandsons. They have three children, David, Margaret, and Joe, and seven grandchildren. Until recently, Mary was certified to teach grades 1-8 but has spent most of her time as a homemaker and mother. She has, at intervals, been a teacher, a cost analyst for an engineering firm, and did a computer project at a law firm. Active in community projects, Mary was a trustee of All Children's Hospital and was president of the Junior League. She lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she is a constant reader and moviegoer. She and **Marilyn Daffin Underberg** '56 of St. Petersburg are fixtures at Bar Association functions, as both husbands are lawyers. Mary's written an autobiography but as yet it is unpublished (she keeps adding things!). She says, "I loved Wesleyan and have many happy memories."

According to **Ruth Wong Arnow** '56, "The lasting friendships made during my four years will always be very dear to me. Many decisions in my personal and business life have been influenced by lessons learned at Wesleyan." Ruth and husband Leonard live in Marietta, Georgia, where Ruth is retired from an illustrious retail merchandising career with B. Altman and Company in New

York City. As vice-president of merchandising- manager of designer and better apparel, responsible for \$25 million in sales, Ruth traveled to Milan, London, and Paris to view couture designer collections such as Versace, Armani, and Lagerfeld. She and her buyers covered the domestic designer markets (Calvin Klein, Oscar de la Renta, Perry Ellis, etc.) as well. In the mid-80s she was featured in the New York Times with 30 other women as the YWCA's outstanding female business leader in the City. She and Len have seven nieces and nephews and five grandnieces and nephews.

**Sarah Bob Ware Arthur** '56 and husband Matt "Shorty" have been happily married for 51 years, living in Warner Robins, Georgia, since 1962. Sarah Bob is a retired teacher (4th grade for seven years and elementary gifted program for 20 years). She was organist at Trinity Methodist Church for 18 years and continues as a substitute organist and plays in the handbell choir. Daughter Nancy (BSN from the Medical College of Georgia) works at the Houston Medical Center. Son Matt is married with two daughters, has a specialist degree in education from UGA, and is superintendent of schools in Rabun County. Lane (Ph.D. in genetics from Columbia University) is married with three children and works for DuPont in Delaware. "My college experience at Wesleyan means very much to me. My freshman year at the Conservatory where the music, art, and drama were closely entwined was an enriching experience. We were welcomed to the Rivoli campus and easily moved into life there," writes Sarah Bob.



## BACK TO COLLEGE FOR A DAY

Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge '45 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, visited Wesleyan in February to share Wesleyan memories and experiences of her early days in radio broadcasting with her granddaughter's communication class. Granddaughter Sarah Kathryn Bragg is a senior this fall. Kathy worked at the J.B. Fuqua owned radio station in Augusta immediately after graduating from Wesleyan with her BFA degree. (From left) Alfreda Whatley; Cindy Buell, Ph.D., associate professor of communication; Kathy Steinbruegge; Sarah Kathryn Bragg; and Kimberly Cole-Floyd.

**Frances "Frankie" Cassel Berry '56** enjoys life in Savannah, Georgia, with her husband, Jack, who is an attorney. They have three children and four grandchildren. Frances is active in the Baptist church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, children's church leader, summer Bible school leader and singer. She has also volunteered in high schools and nursing homes, and is a member and teacher in a non-denominational ladies study group. She says her trips to Israel and the Holy Lands were life changing events. Frances met Jack when she was a freshman at Wesleyan and he was a member of a visiting college group.

For most of her life, **Carolyn Sims Brooks '56** of Decatur, Georgia, has been involved with music, preschool children, and her church. She has sung with Robert Shaw's Atlanta Symphony Chamber Chorus, been a soloist, and a children's choir director in Atlanta churches. Director of The Preschool at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church for 18 years, Carolyn has also taught music. She and John have four children: Susan (a homemaker in Tennessee); Elizabeth (an Adaptive P.E. teacher in Decatur); Jack (an engineer in Alpharetta, Georgia) and son Dana, a Nissan technician in Asheville. Their children and all six grandchildren helped them celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. She and John are avid campers, hikers, and wildflower enthusiasts. They have camped at 47 of the 58 National Parks, and have introduced their children and grandchildren to the pleasures of nature. At present, Carolyn consults with preschools seeking accreditation, serves on the board of a daycare center for homeless preschoolers, and volunteers at an emergency assistance

ministry. Her wildflower garden, aerobics class, book club and camping with John have a high priority in her life.

She's been a mother, grandmother, teacher, professor emeritus Georgia College and State University, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Kappa, Altar Guild member and board member at her Methodist Church, a Sunday School teacher, and author of a children's book but these days, **Jo Ann Copeland Chapple '56** is enjoying each day being a gypsy with husband "Sonny." They live parts of each year in North Carolina at Kure Beach and in Penrose, then spend the winter months in Eatonton, Georgia. They have been married for 48+ years and enjoy grandchildren (8). They are also proud of their three children: Steve (who owns a business and real estate holdings); Joe (who owns and manages real estate holdings); and Georgeann (curriculum director and assistant principal at Head Start and Four Year Old School in Milledgeville). Jo Ann thanks the alumnae office and volunteers for a memorable 50th!

**Elizabeth "Betsy" Comer Clark '56** has been an educator for 32 years, 30 of which were with the Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Presently she is completing – after six years of intense work – a history of Kingswood School Cranbrook (1927-1985), the original Cranbrook Educational Community school for girls, grades 7 through 12. Her other accomplishment is raising four children, Gilliam III, Elizabeth, John, and Tim, who "live near and far and are all delightful, productive adults," writes Betsy.

**Jo Ann Blackwell Deal '56** missed reunion due to a cornea transplant but sends her love to classmates. She resides in Longwood, Florida, where she is trying to make a new and very different life for herself since the death of her husband, Robert Lee Deal, a retired attorney, in August 2005. Her four children keep her busy. Daughter Deborah Ann is president and CEO of Angel Flight S.E. Son Robert Lee owns Good Deal Electric in Orlando. Son William Hugh is with Nextel in Virginia and has given Jo Ann her only grandson. Son John Robert works in the lab at Los Alamos, New Mexico. (See *Sympathy*.)

She definitely enjoys being retired. That's the news from **Janet Ward Dittus '56** who has lived in Blairsville, Georgia, for the last 10 years. Leaving big city life in Miami and retiring to a beautiful mountain town has been rewarding. She and her husband have three children: Michael (in Atlanta) works for Home Depot's corporate office; Jeff (in Brooklyn) is a social worker and the father of Janet's five grandchildren; and Jill (in Woodstock, Georgia) is a teacher. Janet stays busy with volunteer work at the First Methodist Church, camping, traveling, and visiting with family.

Congratulations to 2006 Alumnae Award recipient **Pat Drew '56**, whose artwork was featured in an art textbook by McGraw-Hill published in July. She enjoys keeping in touch with classmates via email. Her two step-sons, their wives and their families add to her life in happy ways. Pat thanks Dr. Bosch for helping her discover Art History and the fact that you could have a career in art. (See *Alumnae Awards*, page 26.)

Ron and **Arline Atkins Finch '56** enjoy the best of both worlds living in Gainesville, Florida (they are avid Gator fans) and in the mountains of North Carolina. Ron is retired after 39 years in banking. Arline served 14 years as a Wesleyan trustee, six years on the board of Camp Merrie-Woode Foundation, and co-authored a book in the Library of Congress, *P.E.O.: Fifty Years in Florida*, a history of a women's educational philanthropic organization to which she belongs. They enjoy life in Gainesville, taking advantage of the lectures, concerts, sports events, and all that a university town provides. In May they traveled to Provence, France, with the alumni campus abroad group. They also find time to keep up with eight nieces and nephews and, now, eight grands.

Congratulations to **Martha Kennedy Gay '56** and John of Scottsboro, Alabama, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April. Their two children, Sharon and Alan, are both married, and they and their families live in Atlanta, and are the parents of Martha's two grandchildren, Chandler (11) and Hannah (9). John retired from an executive position in the textile business and as chairman of a bank. Martha owned an interior decorating business. Her hobbies include gardening, bridge, staying fit with aerobics, and international travel. In 1999 she took a trip to mainland China with the Foreign Mission Board of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Martha will miss her sophomore roommate, **Marianne Morris**.

**Paula Hunt Gieger '56** and Jim have lived in Perry, Georgia, since 1964 when Jim opened a law practice there with his classmate, Sam

## A MAINE EVENT

When Toni Smith Suiter '47 of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, visited Monhegan Island, Maine, this summer she saw two paintings by the late Emil Holzhauer in the local museum plus a book on Monhegan Island Painters that featured two of his works. "He's very well remembered in Maine. I was proud to have been one of his students at Wesleyan. I have three of his paintings myself," writes Toni.

Emil Holzhauer taught art at the Wesleyan Conservatory from 1942-1963. During that time he served as an assistant professor, professor of art, and as the Catherine L. Comer Professor of Painting and Drawing.

(At right) *Mending Nets* by Emil Holzhauer, 1928, oil on canvas.



Nunn. They have two children, who both live in Perry. Daughter Nancy and her husband, Steve Greene, and their daughter, Katie, live close by. Son John is in practice with his father and John and his wife, Mia, have a daughter, Madeline (4). Paula enjoys her grandchildren, and spending time with her 96 year-old mother, who is not well. She is also active with the Beltista Club, a civic organization, and is president of the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club. She and Jim love to find time to go to their condo on St. Simons Island.

Since 1972 Carolyn Freund Hail '56 and her husband, Joe, have lived a small town life in Longview, Washington, (about 35 miles from Mt. St. Helens) where she has been involved with the symphony, library board, auxiliary, and her church. They are good sailors, racing sailboats on the Columbia River. Their two sons, Joe and Paul, are both engineers. Daughter Karen is a nurse. All are married and have children of their own so that Carolyn has seven grandchildren. Joe retired from Reynolds Metals Company 14 years ago. After raising her children, Carolyn received a master's degree from Reed College and taught at an inner city school in Oregon. They look forward to celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next year.

After spending 30 years as Methodist missionaries in Africa (Zimbabwe and Zambia) Dr. Rosalie Voigt Johnson '56 and husband Morgan settled in Atlanta, where Morgan retired from the South Georgia Conference and Rosalie spent nearly ten years with the Fulton County Health Department running an AIDS clinic, after seeing so many Africans with AIDS in previ-

ous years. She retired in 2001 and in 2002 she and Morgan moved to Silver Spring, Maryland, to be closer to their children. They have five children, four born in Africa. Daughter Linda (Johnson '82) is a soil scientist for Waterbourne and lives in Virginia with her family. Daughter Mary ('83) is an architect and lives in Paris with her two daughters, where she is working on her Ph.D. dissertation. Rosalie and Morgan live with their eldest son, Michael, who is an agricultural economist, and his wife, Selina (from Zambia), and their family. Son Tendai is an artist who teaches art at American University, and he and his wife, Hao (from Vietnam), live in DC. Youngest son Chido is a sculptor and teaches at the Detroit College of Creative Studies. Rosalie still works with the Immigration Ministry (Justice for our Neighbors) and volunteers at Reston Interfaith Shelter. She and Morgan are involved with an AIDS Ministry that they helped to start.

Olivia Evans Kappus '56 and Karl live in Decatur, Georgia, where Karl is a retired biologist/epidemiologist with the Center for Disease Control. His work often took them to other areas of the world, including trips to remote areas of Pakistan, Uganda, and Malawi, when he was working on Guinea Worm disease. Their only son works in San Francisco with the USDA surplus food and school nutrition program, after a stint in the Peace Corps. Olivia retired from teaching (36 years) and has been active in her church serving in many positions, including the board. She has been a docent at Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University for eight years and has been on the steering committee for partnership with John Hope Elementary, an inner-city school near the King historic site.

"My greatest treasures are my children – all nearby – healthy, happy, secure, kind, intelligent and busy," writes Happy Garner Kirkpatrick '56, who resides in Gainesville, Georgia. Happy worked for 10 years with mentally retarded children then for 18 years as a counselor at Brenau Academy. She earned her MEd from the University of Georgia in 1985. She loves to volunteer in many areas, travel, and audit classes at Brenau. She and Gene, who died in 1994, have two children. Daughter Kathy is in special education in Hall County and she and her husband have two children: Hunter (at MIT) and Campbell (at Wofford). Son Carl (outdoor outfitter and education) is also married. "Even though I have experienced sadness, I have had a wonderful, happy, and fulfilling life – I'm still growing and changing."

Keeping up with three children and four grandchildren keeps Suzette Nash Kopecky '56 and her husband, Melvin, on their toes. Daughter Carol Anne lives in North Carolina with her three children (Andrew, Aaron, and Abby). Son Charles Melvin lives nearby with his wife and daughter Sheena, while daughter Jeanne Marie lives in Idaho. Melvin is a retired attorney and Suzette finds time to volunteer at her church and with the DAR in Washington, Georgia.

After a career in Fashion Merchandising in New York City, Eleanor Deal Law '56 returned to Georgia and attended Mercer University School of Pharmacy, where she graduated summa cum laude in 1968 with a 5-year degree in Pharmacy. Her family moved back to her hometown of Clayton, Georgia, where she took over the family owned Deals' Drug Store. She is currently a registered phar-

macist and still active. She and husband Albert have one daughter, Debbie, who also earned a PharmD degree from Mercer. Debbie lives in Alpharetta, Georgia, with her husband, Mark, and Eleanor's two grandchildren, Laura (12) and Sean (15). For 15 years Eleanor was on call "24/7" as an area representative for Youth for Understanding, a high school student exchange program. She placed students from 26 different countries in American homes in North Georgia. She and Albert also served as a host family over the years for 10 international high school students who each lived with them for one year. They continue the tradition of opening up new worlds for their own grandchildren by taking them abroad to visit a different country each year during Spring Break.

From Woodstock, Georgia, Mary Tappan "Tap" Mabry '56 writes that she is "blessed to have three children and nine grandchildren." A long time member of Canton First United Methodist Church, Mary has taught Sunday School, helped with the youth and with women's ministries. Currently, she serves as a visitor's hostess, volunteers at the crib nursery once a month, and is also a teacher's assistant for the church's preschool. Several years ago she worked in a Thomas Kincade art gallery and was impressed by the artist and his work.

After a 15-year career singing opera, oratorio, concerts, and teaching voice, Mary Emma Welch McConaughey '56 of Atlanta earned a master's degree in social work from UGA and worked as a psychiatric social worker in inner city Atlanta before receiving her PhD in clinical psychology from Georgia State. She partially retired in 2000 as a psy-



**CONGRATULATIONS TO** former Wesleyan President Robert K. Ackerman and his wife, May, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 28, 2006, with their children at the Wentworth Mansion in Charleston, South Carolina. The Ackermans continued to celebrate in August with a trip to Alaska.

Bob Ackerman served as Wesleyan's president from 1984-1997. Throughout his career May has been an invaluable partner. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Dr. Ackerman looks forward to being on the Wesleyan campus in April 2007 during Alumnae Weekend, when he will be signing his new book, *Wade Hampton III: A Biography*, scheduled for release in April.

chotherapist in private practice. Since then she and husband Dan have enjoyed spending time with their eight grandchildren, visiting their mountain cabin, and traveling, especially to France, where their son Dan (a translator) and his wife and children live on an island. Son Warner and his family live nearby in Atlanta, where he owns Hammer-Smith, a renovation business for historic homes. Daughter Memmi is a lawyer who lives with her family just two miles from Mary Emma. Dan is a retired lawyer (30 years) and also taught at Emory Law School for 11 years. In retirement he continues to write his book on Family Law. Currently, Mary Emma is on the board at Emory Swartz Music Center and is teaching a course on the *Psychology of Aging Well* for Emory Seniors University. She and Dan will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year.

Life in Kingwood, Texas, is busy and rewarding for **Paula Ronning McCleary '56** and her husband, Gary. He is the commissioner of golf at Deerwood Golf Club and is active in their church. Their two daughters, Joyce and Phyllis, are married and have given them three granddaughters and one grandson. Paula is a member of the volunteer team at Second Baptist Church, helps with secretarial tasks, and works the information desk on Sunday. Organist for 30 years at Forest Cove Baptist, she retired three years ago. She is active in The Lake Houston Tri-Delta Alumnae chapter that honored her in 1999 by donating a check in her honor to benefit the hospital's pediatric floor while she was president of the auxiliary. She is a member of the Welcoming Committee for the Clubs of Kingwood, plays golf twice a week, and is a past president of the Deerwood Women's Golf

Association, where her real claim to fame is being the association's website poster girl for making a documented "Hole in One." Although she still volunteers with the Hospital Auxiliary in various roles, Paula finds time to play bridge twice a week.

"I wish I could have come to the Golden Belles Luncheon in April but now I am paralyzed and live in a hospital nursing center, the result of a massive stroke in 2002. My brain was not affected," writes **Carolyn Eddy Mellon '56** from Lake Orion, Michigan.

"I retired after teaching for 30 years – just in time for my four grandchildren," writes, **Marion "Toot" Wade Mixon '56**. She and Tommy (retired teacher/coach and scout for the LA Dodgers for 25 years) live in Macon near two of their three children. Daughter **Wade Mixon Putnal '81** teaches at First Presbyterian Day School and she and her husband have two children, Mixon (17) and William (13). Daughter Elizabeth Mixon is in real estate. Son Tom, Jr., and his family live in Griffin, Georgia, where is he owner of Outdoor Advertising and has two sons, Tommy III and Garrett. These days Toot enjoys mission and board activities at Vineville United Methodist Church, having Tommy home (finally) from travels with LA Dodgers, keeping up with grandchildren, and attending exercise class. Toot says it is special that her junior class designed the ring that is still used at Wesleyan today.

**Lou Ann Taylor Nash '56** is the special projects coordinator at Morton Plant Hospital, Women's Center, in Clearwater, Florida. Husband Thomas is a retired citrus grower. She has been a volunteer at church, school, Junior

League, YWCA, Clearwater Historical Society, and Pinellas Pioneers. Son Thomas Nash II is an attorney in the city. He has two children, Taylor and Thomas. Daughter Lisa Ann is an RN in Perry, Georgia. She also has two children, Nash and Pitt. Lou Ann says she and other classmates had mini-reunions throughout the years and "somehow we became 'The Order of the Moon Pie.'" She and others miss **Marianne Morris**, who died last fall.

Retired librarian **Sara Lee Lane Ogilvie '56** and her husband, J. Morgan, enjoy life in Jacksonville, Florida.

Gainesville, Georgia, is home to **Randy Duncan Parks '56** and husband Ed, who have been married for 52 years. Their two children live nearby. Daughter Edna, her husband, and their two children live in Tucker. Son Doug and his wife and one daughter live in Gainesville. Randy and Ed travel frequently and have taken each of their three grandchildren to Europe to celebrate 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They traveled to Italy recently. Randy volunteers at First United Methodist Church, where she is on the flower committee and chairs the needlepoint committee. She is a member of the American Needlepoint Guild and the Embroiders Guild of America. A member of the Garden Club, she is also a nationally accredited flower show judge. Randy and Ed love to get away to their mountain "retreat" in Highlands, North Carolina.

According to **Jimmie Ruth Erskine Partridge '56** of Decatur, Georgia, "Two-thirds of our family live and work in the greater Atlanta area." Her husband, John, and their son, Joe, head up the family landscape company, Joe

and his wife have two sons who are students, athletes, hunters, and fishermen. Son David is an electrician, and his wife and two daughters live on a farm in Florida. Daughter Susan is climbing the corporate ladder in Florida. Jimmie Ruth has fun memories of Wesleyan and the infamous "panty raid" in the spring of 1956. She also has fond memories of her late roommates, **Sylvia Edwards Tippett** and **Marianne Morris**.

With a combined family of seven children (his three and her four) and 11 grandchildren, **Gail Hollingsworth (Duggan Rabai '56)** and husband John have plenty to keep them busy. Their 20-year marriage began on the QE III, where they met in 1979. Gail was returning from a trip to England with **Emily Hancock (Jones) Bredeson '49**, and the rest, as they say, is history. John and Gail retired to New Bern, North Carolina, for antiques (she managed the New Bern Antique Show for four years), history (she is active in the New Bern Preservation Society), sailing, and golf. When Ruth lived in Macon she helped start the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences, planned and developed the Jr. Tennis Program (Net Set) with John Drew Smith, and started the new (now old) tennis center. In Maryland, Gail worked as a personal property appraiser. She continued in this field until she took up golf in New Bern (Golf was more fun!). Now she volunteers wherever she is needed – in the community or at her church.

**Flora Sally "Flossie" Boone Richardson '56** lives in Birmingham, Alabama, where she has been active with the Birmingham Opera Guild (president), Birmingham Music Club (secretary), Art Museum (volun-

## ELIZABETH HODGES MCKEEVER '96

"Wesleyan is a direct contributor to my current success. At Wesleyan, I was a studio art major, with a minor in philosophy but the scope of my education was not limited. Leadership and perseverance were encouraged during my undergraduate years. These qualities are essential to me now as an independent businesswoman. I feel grateful to have been a part of a liberal arts education where creative and critical thinking skills are nurtured."

Elizabeth earned an M.F.A. degree with honors from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She is co-owner of Luna Design Studio, LC (since 2002) and was an instructor for the Gibbes Museum of Art Studio Program from 1999-2005. She also served as the painting tutor for actress Rachel McAdams during filming of *The Notebook*. Her work has been featured in two one woman shows and in numerous group shows, and is sold on commission and in the Gibbes Museum Study Collection. Her latest project is painting the nursery for her new baby!



teer), and occasionally worked as substitute teacher. She is president of the Seniors at Valley Christian Church and President of BVM. She is proud of her two sons, Robert Boone and John Blattner Dempsey and her four grandchildren.

After Wesleyan **Jane Courtenay Shockley '56** earned a master's degree in Christian Education from Emory University and worked in Dalton, Georgia, where she met her late husband, Richard. They were married for 46 years until his death last November. Their two sons, Richard and David, are both graduates of the University of Virginia. Son Richard is married and lives in Indiana where he teaches finance at the Indiana University. Son David works for Kroger in the corporate office in Tennessee. In Gainesville, Jane currently serves on the boards of The Salvation Army and Pro-Musica. Throughout the years she has been a board member of Hall County Council on Aging, Literary Council, Community Concerts, Arts Council and the Gainesville Ballet, where she also worked backstage during performances, even earning a part in the Nutcracker, where she dressed as a bear and had a great time.

This past summer **Barbara Barnes Sims '56** taught a course in "Sun Records and Early Rock and Roll" at the Chataqua Institute in New York. She's uniquely qualified because from 1957-60 she worked for Sun Records (Memphis, Tennessee) in promotion and publicity, even writing album lines and notes for the first album of Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis. Back home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Barbara enjoys Ikebana and is active in the Episcopal Church, where she leads a Life Writing Group. She retired

(36 years) from teaching English at LSU, where she received two university-wide teaching awards of excellence. Her late husband, Robert, was a devoted fisherman. They had a wonderful lake house, where they spent a great deal of time. Their only child, Sue, lives at Stewart Home School, a facility for mentally handicapped adults in Kentucky, where she sings, swims, and is a gourmet cook. Barbara occasionally sees **Mary Laslie Grodner '55** on campus at LSU, where they both taught.

Music continues to be a part of her life. **Patricia "Tricia" Harper White '56** currently teaches voice and piano in her home in Alpharetta, Georgia. She was director of music in three churches for 16 years. She also sang in the Atlanta Symphony Chorus under Robert Shaw for many years. A member of the Georgia Federation of Music Clubs, Tricia is also a member of Peachtree Presbyterian Church, where she helped start a keyboard program for young people and adults. While living in Chicago she sang with the NBC Orchestra promoting the program "Artists Showcase" for several years. Tricia is fortunate to have her daughter, Margaret, live only 1½ miles from her. Margaret is principal of Medlock (Elementary) School in Alpharetta.

**Linda Stoner Winslett '56** and Usher have settled in the beach community of Georgetown, South Carolina, after living in Florida, Virginia, South Carolina, and Argentina, during Usher's corporate experience. They have been married for 49 years and are proud of their two children. Their daughter and her husband and two children live in Richmond, Virginia, where she is the director of the Richmond Ballet. Their son

is a graduate of NYU Law School. He lives in New York City with his wife and two daughters. Linda worked as a marriage and family therapist (MEd from Virginia Commonwealth University). She served as president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and received their award for Distinguished Service. An advocate for the local arts, Linda has been president of the Columbia City Ballet Board, the Columbia Music Festival Board, and received the Columbia's Lear Award for volunteer service. Now, she is relaxing and learning to play golf!

**Mary Pierpont "Pont" Hall '57** is off to southwest France for most of October. She is looking forward to her big 50th reunion in April 2007. Mary and her husband continue to enjoy retirement in Monkton, Maryland. Their three grandchildren (4, 8 and 11) are "constant sources of delight."

"We moved to North Central Florida in August '05. We really enjoy life in Williston. Our younger son, Eric, and his family live in Gainesville only 22 miles away. UF is also close by so – Go Gators! Hi to all Pirates – would love to hear from you all," writes **Sandra Deisch Ringdahl '57**.

"Ladies, begin the countdown – next spring we will hold and celebrate our 50th reunion! Think red, white, and purple," says Reunion Chair **Joan Maddox Sammons-Hodges '57** of Atlanta.

**Marguerite Malcolm Yarboro '57** is recovering from her second knee replacement in Titusville, Florida.

Wow! **Medra Lott Keyser's ('58** granddaughter, Elisa, is burning it up. She and her horse, Jackson, have marched their way into the top rankings in the United States Eventing Leaderboard. She is the 19th ranked rider and Jackson is the 7th ranked horse in her quest to make the 2008 Olympic Equestrian team. Darren Chiachia (to give perspective) is ranked 12th and was on the 2004 US Olympic Team. Medra's grandson Jacob Arnold (his mother is **Laura Wallace Arnold '79**) graduated in May from Baylor University. Grandson Christian graduated in May from William and Mary.

**Carole Kelley Mangham '58** enjoys retirement at home in Plano, Texas, and at her town-home in the Colorado Rockies. "We have a new granddaughter, Lily, in addition to our grandson, David (10), who loves to visit us in Texas and in the mountains."

In Longview, Texas, **Joan Nachbaur Rathbun '58** is retired but now works part-time for her church RFU Methodist, Longview. Joan has four grandchildren.

**Harriett Johnson Bell '59** of Greenville, South Carolina, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Elizabeth A. Fleming at Converse College. Elizabeth met many interesting delegates – the presidents of Harvard, Yale, Duke and Notre Dame, to name a few. "Wesleyan is right up there being recognized as oldest and certainly one of the best, says Elizabeth. I was very proud to be a delegate. Wish I had been a Ph.D.!"

**Mary Terrell Mitchell '59** welcomed her 7th grandchild in November. Her daughter, Mary Eva Tredway, gave birth to her second daughter, Madison Tandy Tredway.



## Class of 1961 45th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Teena Cole Fulmer, Jukie Hardeman Caldwell, Jean Cain Gaddis, Jeanette Loflin Shackelford, Linda Chambers Mahan, Sheila Leto Scott, Peggy McKinney Youngblood Row 2 (L to R): Nancy Bowden Wiley, Janice McCord Doe, Mary Jo Porch Floyd, Linda Vogel Pfleger, Mary Grace Averett Kay, Janice Boland Smith Row 3 (L to R): Andrea Morris Gruhl, Martha Kinsey Skirven, Nancy Hill-Bates, Linda Lee Belford Turek, Flo Bloodworth Greenway, Betty Griffin Curry Row 4 (L to R): Lynn Cochran Thompson, Nina Collins Wilkes, Betty Claire Manning Clark, Gayle Langston Ricklefs, Marilyn Shuler Buchanan Row 5 (L to R): Jo Anne Miller Gaede, Nancy Huff Hatch, Sally Husted Shuford, Pat Summey Joyner, Cora Ann Ware Wells, Jane Stallings Knight, Katie Lee Tankersley, Joanne Jordan Not pictured: Sandra Combs Lewis.

Life is quiet in Jones County (Gray, Georgia) says **Kathleen Keck Ross '59**. "But there is room for grandchildren to roam and play in the dirt." Kathleen does volunteer work with local groups, especially with the Old Clinton Historical Society. She and husband Rowland took some fun summer trips.

### 1961 (45th Reunion)

Red is still the favorite color of members of the Class of 1961 who returned to campus and celebrated 45 years of sisterhood. Kudos to reunion chair **Lynn Cochran Thompson** and co-chair **Jean Cain Gaddis**, who planned for a fun-filled weekend. Class party hosts **Mary Jo Porch Floyd** and **Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway** opened up their homes for evening get-togethers. Committee member **Nina Collins Wilkes** contacted classmates and **Jo Ann Miller Gaede** served as a class liaison. Pirate pride swelled at the annual meeting when classmate **Jeanette Loflin Shackelford** received a 2006 alumnae award.

**Teena Cole Fulmer '61** lives in Newnan, Georgia, where she is a retired teacher. Teena received a master's degree in elementary education from West Georgia College.

Maconite **Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61** is delighted to have her daughter, **Julie Mellard Eberlin '86**, living back in Georgia. Julie moved from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, to Locust Grove, Georgia. "At last, after 20 years, Julie is only 45 minutes away!" Flo has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**, as the first alumna to be married by a Wesleyan alumna, The Rev. **Harriette James Simmons '64**.

**Joanne Jordan '61** is retired. She sold her house in Marietta, Georgia, and moved permanently back to Monticello, Georgia, where she lives in the house where she was raised. "If you are ever passing through give me a call or stop by - I may let you ride my 1950 tractor," writes Joanne.

**Jane Lewis Merrill '61** and her husband, Mike, moved to Ellijay, Georgia, a year ago. Now she lives right across the street from her sister and that makes the move just about perfect! Jane and Mike spent a week at St. George's Island this past summer with **Liz Heim Cullen '61** and her husband, Spencer. Jane was sorry to have missed reunion due a birth in the family but is looking forward to the 50!

**Ermine Owenby '61** vacationed at her cabin after a visit to Northeast Georgia, and Asheville, North Carolina. After that she began renovation at her home in Tallahassee, Florida, which required a lot of moving and packing throughout the house.

"Life is good," reports **Nancy Bowden Wiley '61** of Dunwoody, Georgia. Retired since 2000, after teaching elementary school students (grades 1-3 at different times) and teaching kindergarten and reading for 1 year, Nancy enjoys volunteering at her church one day a week and plays the piano at a nursing home once a month. She says she is fortunate that her seven grandchildren all live in the Atlanta area.

It's time for tea! This fall **Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62** will open a Victorian Tea Room in her lovely 100 year-old house in Cobbtown, Georgia. Dottie will continue to direct the adult choir, teach a Sunday School class, and lead the women's group in her church.

**Mary Goss Hughes '63** of Auxvasse, Missouri, enjoys her new house and retirement. She reports that **Molly Ray Wainwright '63** has moved back to St. Louis. "We can enjoy more visits together now." Mary and her husband enjoyed New Year's with **Bitsy Wingfield Dick '63** and her husband, Jeff, in Louisville.

Congratulations to **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63** and her husband, Matt who are new grandparents. Katelyn Ashley "Katie" Pfeiffer was born on July 31, 2006, to Lynda's son, Tom, and his wife, Kelly.

Miami resident **Renate Butler Ryan '63** attended a private ceremony in the Oval Office at the White House when her son, Navy Seal and Commander Keith Davids, received the Bronze Star and V for Valor for his "courageous actions, personal initiative and loyal dedication to duty" in Iraq. The medals were awarded by President Bush.

"My family and I are grieving the loss of my father, Joe Lee, of Valdosta, who died in March," writes **Brenda Lee Barclay '64** of Orange Park, Florida. "He was so fond of my Wesleyan friends and kept up with them through me." (See *Sympathy*.)

**Jane Brockinton Earhart '64** of Plantation, Florida, says she needs a break. After taking cruises before and after Christmas, and hosting her two grandsons for the summer, as well as another child to whom she has been like an aunt, she looks forward to a rest.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth "Bootsie" Hartley Filliat '64** of Alpharetta, Georgia, who is listed in Marquis' *Who's Who of American Women for 2006-07* and Marquis' *Who's Who in American Education for 2006-07*.

Macon resident **Mary Russell George '64** had a great part in a recent local production of *The Diary of Ann Frank*. In April, she enjoyed a voyage on the Danube River. She also returned to Quito, Ecuador, for two weeks this year and had wonderful reunions with friends there.

"No grandmother should be without a webcam," proclaims **Nancy Gail Smith Hoff '64**, who lives in Stuart, Florida. "It cuts the miles between St. Louis and Florida, so that I can watch him grow."

After teaching kindergarten at Medulla Elementary School for 30 years, **Suzanne Whidden Pennington '64** of Lakeland, Florida, has retired.

**Mary Jane McCarren Brantley '65** lives in Sarasota, Florida, where she teaches music at Gocio Elementary School. She shares her home with her mother, **Hellen Goepp McCarron '26**, who is 101. Mary Jane's husband, Bill, died in 2001.

**Carolyn Garrett '65** lives in Augusta, Georgia, where she is vice president at Meybohm Realtors. She's still single, and loves to garden, work out, and spend time with nieces and great nieces.

This is the 5th year that Class of 1965 suitemates **Ruth Ellen Philpot Compton**, **Joanna Looney Reynolds**, **Jean Webb Tippins** and **Carolyn Martin McCrea** have met, along with their husbands, for fun and new memories. This year's reunion was at beautiful Wintergreen, Virginia.

## Class of 1966 40th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Barbara Brubaker Hightower, Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer, Mary Ann Burke Gore, Marsha McDonald Godsey Row 2 (L to R): Barbara Meeko Sanders, Jo An Johnson Chewning Row 3 (L to R): Cile Adams Mathews, Kathy Howard Douglas, Pamela Easman Holmes, Elizabeth "Petal" Gibbons Montis Row 4 (L to R): Gini Harshbarger Lamback, Nancy Rowland Rehberg, Catharine Burns Liles, Abbie Howard Dillard, Peggy Hall Carter, Suzanne Spence Joyce



### 1966 40th Reunion

The Residence Inn by Marriott served as PK Central for the Class of 1966, who returned to reunion in record numbers. Even North Carolina Poet Laureate and classmate **Kay Stripling Byer** made time for a special weekend poetry reading. Reunion chair **Cile Adams Mathews** planned for a 40th reunion where classmates caught up on career moves, grandchildren, retirement dreams, and college days – all proving that PKs are still number one!

**Marguerite "Peggy" Hall Carter '66** of Menlo, Georgia, spent Christmas 2005 with her son in Germany and Italy. Her son, Brad Carter, is now serving in Iraq. Her daughter, **Sennie Carter Queen '92**, lives in Bishop, Georgia, teaches kindergarten in Watkinsville, and has two children: Sennie, age 10 and Jason, age 4.

**JoAn Johnson Chewning '66** of Lawrenceville, Georgia, says she is a "3-G": Grandmother, Gardner, and Genealogist. She and husband Walker are very active in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and travel to various SAR/DAR events. JoAn still gardens a great deal and keeps the phone and email smoking with questions to her gardening mentor, **Suzanne Spence Joyce '66**.

After retiring from teaching in 2003, **Julianne Bray Earwood '66** from Dallas, Georgia, was called back this past school term (her 34th year!).

After working for Delta Airlines for 34 years, **Marsha McDonald Godsey '66** has retired and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where she and her husband, Bill, spend time on their sailboat, and travel often to various European locations.

**Mary Ann Burke Gore '66** has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. She was the first (and only) alumna to win the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics for Georgia from Warner Robins, where she still lives. Now retired from teaching mathematics at Warner Robins High School, Mary Ann also worked for College Board, Hewlett Packard, Texas Instruments, traveling around the country teaching teachers. She earned her master's from Georgia College and Georgia Southwestern. She is the author of *Work Smarter Not Harder - Calculus Activities and Labs* (one for T1-85; one for T1-82-83, and one for T1-89). Married for 40 years, Mary Ann has two children (one in Warner Robins and one in Savannah) and three grandchildren: Brittany (12), Brandon (9), and Brady (3). "I divide time between family at home and our house at St. Simons Island, Georgia," writes Mary Ann.

**Barbara Brubaker Hightower '66** reports that her life in Atlanta is divided among babysitting grandchildren, gardening, and exercising to try to delay the ravages of time. Her husband, Jimmy is now discussing retirement but has not done it. "I now gleefully request my senior discount at the store," says Barbara.

**Suzanne Spence Joyce '66** of Wilmington, North Carolina, says that she and **JoAn Johnson Chewning '66** of Lawrenceville, Georgia, **Marsha McDonald Godsey '66** of St. Petersburg, Florida, and **Mary Towers Weese**

'66 of Clarkesville, Georgia, enjoy getting together for mini-reunions once or twice a year. They met at JoAn's this past February. Suzanne's grandson, William "Liam" Cochran Turberville, celebrated his first birthday in May. He and his parents, Jack and Cathy, live in Savannah where classmate **Petal Gibbons Montis '66** and her husband, George, also live. Suzanne and Petal get to visit often. Suzanne's daughter, Mary, has moved to Athens, Georgia, and will start grad school (non-profit management) in August.

"I had the opportunity of a lifetime!" writes **Gini Harshbarger Lamback '66** of Macon, who owns her own ESL tutoring business, Let's Speak English. "In the summer of 2005, I was invited to participate in *2005 Educators to Japan*, a group of 43 teachers from the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Wales, and the Netherlands, who visited and taught in Japan for 17 days. We were treated like royalty – taught class one day, observed Japanese teaching, lived with two host families, visited Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, Toyohashi, and the 2005 Expo in Aichi." Gini also teaches ESL at a private school in Macon.

Macon artist **Catharine Burns Liles '66** is proud of her daughter, Rebecca L. Grist, who is running to be a judge in Bibb County, Georgia. Catharine has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. She was the first of two women (at the same time) to become members of the Macon Kiwanis Club (years ago).

"I am finally a grandmother and loving it! What else would you expect me to say?" writes **Cile Adams Mathews '66** of Corryton, Tennessee. Hannah Paige Mathews is a year old. She and her mom and dad, Danielle and Matt

Mathews, live nearby. Cile received her master of science in social work from the University of Tennessee and continues to work as executive director of The Florence Crittenton Agency in Knoxville.

"George and I enjoy living in downtown Savannah's Historic District. Our daughter received her doctorate degree in neurobiology from the University of Amsterdam, and she continues to live in The Netherlands," reports **Petal Gibbons Montis '66**.

**Jo Bogan Prout '66** of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, is now the proud grandmother of three grandsons: Erik, Zack, and Kyler.

An update in April from artist **Barbara Meeko Sanders '66** of Alpharetta, Georgia, finds her taking piano lessons (after all these years), painting wildlife (acrylics and watercolors), loving on her three grandchildren (and waiting for two more this summer), volunteering in her church, and gardening for fun and relaxation. Now retired, Barbara earned her master's in biology from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, and worked for the University of Florida as a biological scientist in agricultural research (citrus).

"My biggest news is that I am finally a grandmother! Son Steven and his wife, Heather, had a baby boy, Ryan Shuster, on December 15, 2005. Daughter Susan and her husband Chris adopted a baby boy from Russia this past summer. Retirement is fun – we split time between our homes at Lake Lanier and at Hilton Head Island," writes **Betty Westmoreland Shuster '66**.



## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

When Brandy Hayes '98, MBA '04, volunteered to serve as a candlelighter during this year's alumnae weekend celebration, she wasn't expecting to be reunited with a woman she met two years ago half way around the world. Pictured (from left) are graduating Russian exchange student **Marina Petrova '06** and **Brandy Hayes**. The two women originally met in 2004 when Brandy traveled to Russia through the EMBA program. Inspired by Wesleyan's EMBA visit, Marina later applied to Wesleyan's undergraduate program and completed her degree here under the foreign exchange student agreement with Ulyanovsk State University.

**Mary Towers Weese '66** of Clarkesville, Georgia, lives in the beautiful northeast Georgia mountains. "I have been a full-time potter at Mark of the Potter for the past 15 years. I have eight grandchildren and five children (a blended family with my wonderful husband, Larry)" writes Mary. She is also the author of a book, *Mark of the Potter: An Historical Look at a Very Special Place*.

After 28 years **Jean Gilbert Witcher '66** has a new address. She's moved to a home on a river near Stone Mountain, and even has rapids in the back yard. Jean's second granddaughter was born in May.

According to **Charlotte Babcock Ellis '67** of Blountville, Tennessee, "Music occupies a great deal of my life and brings me much joy." In June, Charlotte did a concert tour of Hungary with Morningstar Flute Ensemble, a quintet she organized for that purpose.

"I think often of my days at Wesleyan and the curiosity for life those days gave me. Although I continue to work at a job I love, David and I find time to travel, visit our seven (!) grandchildren, and enjoy the pleasures of Washington. We leave soon to visit Istanbul with our grandson (10) and look for great adventures," write **Helen Harwell Smith '67**.

**Mary Ann Ward Dudley '68** of Douglas, Georgia, has added a new granddaughter to her family. On April 12, 2006, Claire Louise Schmitt was born to Mary Ann's daughter, Mary Catherine, and her husband, Bob. "This makes three granddaughters for Sherman and me – maybe three future Wesleyannes!"

**Babs Richardson Pirkle '68** exclaims that "being a grandmother is The Best!" Her second grandson, Andrew Thomas Reeves, was born in January. His big brother, John Mason, loves and snuggles him. Babs worked the Atlanta Symphony Showhouse in May for the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club. She said "lots of Wesleyannes of all ages were represented."

"We have a beautiful granddaughter, Hazel Virginia, who was born on July 16, 2005, to our son, Lloyd Miller, and his wife, Sarah. Lloyd is a musician, writer, and teacher in Brooklyn, New York, and Sarah is a teacher, reports **Virginia Hiers Roebuck '68** from Thonotosassa, Florida.

On their way to Miami and the keys for Spring break, **Glenda Grist Beardsworth '68** of Lilburn, Georgia, and her husband stopped by to visit suitemate, **Susan Jones Shulman '68** in Jacksonville. Glenda will retire from teaching (20 years) in the Gwinnett County school system. (Miss Munck would be proud!) Susan's new business, "Interior Magic by Susan" is growing thanks to the help of **Bette Harding Loyd '69**, who let her "redesign" a room in her home using existing furniture, accessories and art (think HGTV) earning Susan an IADA membership. Bette has her own business, "The Appetizer Ladies."

**Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69** is proud of her three daughters. Youngest daughter Allison married Brandon Beard from Denver, Colorado, on May 29, 2004, and lives in Greeley, Colorado. Middle daughter Melissa moved from Denver to Chicago in August 2005. Oldest daughter Natalie and her husband, Dave, still live in the DC area. Dell misses her mother, Eleanor Hitchcock, who died in September 2005 at the age of 92.

"My husband, Terry Lydick, passed away on January 12, 2006," writes **Betty Hood Lydick '69** from Fayetteville, North Carolina. (See *Sympathy*.)

She retired from AT&T after 28 years. "My new found freedom finds me gardening and singing," writes **Gloria Garrett Seymour '69** from Atlanta.

## 1970s

**Jan Drury Cox '70** of Atlanta retired this summer after 35 years as an English teacher and department chairperson with the DeKalb County School System.

**Kathy Arnold Hale '70** of Macon is a financial consultant at A.G. Edwards and Sons in Macon. She and husband Bo celebrated their 6th anniversary in June. They are enjoying their first grandbaby born in November 2005, Miller Elliot Lewis, to Kathy's son David and his wife.

"My children are grown – Thompson is a banker in Valdosta and married to a childhood friend who is a physical therapist. Mary Margaret is an investment banker in Atlanta and Lee is a nurse! I'm teaching English **STILL** (my 10th year) in high school. I keep telling myself it keeps me **YOUNG**. I enjoyed reading the recent *Wesleyan Magazine* so much. It made me 'homesick' for all my Purple Knight buddies! I, too, join the Wesleyan family in thanking the 'Munroe Girls' for all they've done for the college. I feel so fortunate to have known them through my classmate **Susan Woodward Walker**," writes **Sally Shingler Kurrie '70** from Valdosta, Georgia.

From her home in San Francisco, **Sally Dietler Murrell '70** reports "both kids graduated, daughter to wed in 2007. My father, active in 'Parents of Wesleyannes,' passed in 1999. Mom is going strong at 92!"

"October 24, 2005, Katherine Hammock Wall 'Kate' our first grandchild was born to our older son, Joe, and his wife, Sally Anne, who live in Charlotte. Son Rob, a member of Wesleyan's Board of Visitors, is Kate's godfather. Rob married Elizabeth Efird of Charlotte on June 18, 2005. We are thrilled that they chose to make Macon home," writes **Pat Hammock Wall '70** of Macon.

## 1971 (35th Reunion)

Class President **Debby Smith Kelly** welcomed Golden Hearts back to campus and at the class party hosted by **Martha Yates Thomas** and **Gena Roberts**

**Franklin** at Gena's home on Friday night. Sharing "life experiences" took center stage when classmates engaged in "heart-to-heart" conversations that included 35 years of Wesleyan stories highlighted by memories of winning the coveted STUNT cup all four years.

In Clermont, Florida, **Lindy Anderson '71** spends time working at the animal league Thrift Shop, taking tennis and dance lessons. She spends Christmas each year with **Carolyn Berger Krutoy '71**.

**Shari Richardson Arrington '71** reports from Havana, Florida that her son Burt and his wife, Kimber, have two daughters, Tate (2) and Carly Elizabeth (5 months). Daughter Anne Elizabeth is majoring in psychology at Flagler College and will graduate soon. Husband Claude is an administra-

## Class of 1971 35th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): **Donna Cook**, **Martha Yates Thomas**, **Peggy Parrish Hasty**, **Helen Ferguson Zachry**, **Debby Smith Kelly**, **Lindy Anderson**

Row 2 (L to R): **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt**, **Pam Finlayson**, **Kimberly Fritch Vantreese**, **Holly Pearson Payne**, **Cathy Coxey Snow**

Row 3 (L to R): **Anne Teal Ruddell**, **Debbie Hall Loftiss**, **Carolyn Berger Krutoy**, **Susan Pyeatt Kimmey**, **Gena Roberts Franklin**



tive law judge and loves to golf. Shari teaches kindergarten at a private school in Tallahassee. She will always be grateful to "Miss Julia" (**Julia Munroe Woodward** '34) for influencing her decision to come to Wesleyan.

From her home in Marietta, Georgia, **Glenda Harkins Glenn** '71 writes, "I teach in the gifted program in Cobb County, where I do a lot of staff development and college teaching. My kids are 27 and 25. The 27-year-old (son) has been working in Manhattan for four years and loves it - doing very well. The 25-year-old (daughter) is in sales in Atlanta and she loves that, too!"

**Vivian Hallmark** '71 is working with the ESOL program (English to Speakers of Other Languages) in Bibb County (Macon) dealing with mostly Latin youth. Son Britt (19) is a sophomore at Georgia College and State University.

**Peggy Parrish Hasty** '71 of Atlanta retired from public school teaching but currently teaches at the Atlanta Girls School. Peggy has two grandchildren, Elena (2) and Will (7 months). Son Bill and wife Danielle also live in Atlanta.

The big news in the Kelly family is the first grandchild. Lucille Baynes Kelly was born on September 22, 2006. Son Rob, Allison and Lucy live in Savannah, where Rob practices law with Kelly and Kelly. Daughter Sara and her husband, Allen, live in Henry County, where she teaches interrelated special education school and Allen is a physical therapist. Life in Monticello has not changed much for Robby and me. I am teaching kindergarten and may teach another year or three depending on Sara and Allen's plan for children. Robby has expanded the

firm to Kelly and Kelly. We celebrated our 35th anniversary in June. Has it really been that long?" writes **Debbie Smith Kelly** '71.

"My son, Jeff (23), is at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. He is getting married in March 2007," writes **Carolyn Berger Krutoy** '71 of Tucker, Georgia. Carolyn works as a cytotechnologist.

Atlanta resident **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt** '71 still flies for Delta. She is active in Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club activities and enjoyed her recent term as president of the club.

**Gloria Turner Lockridge** '71 opened an antique store in Cedar Bluff, Alabama – quite a change from teaching music.

**Debbie Hall Loftiss** '71 is the therapeutic wraparound director at the Vashti Center in Thomasville, Georgia. Daughter Allison is married and works as a speech therapist in St. Petersburg, Florida. Daughter Emily lives in New York City, where she is a professional dancer. Emily worked as a Rockette in Nashville's Grand Ole Opry last Christmas, and began a tour in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* in July.

**Maconite Martha Yates Thomas** '71 teaches 6th grade science. Son Richard finished his orthopaedic residency at University of Virginia in May. Daughter Elizabeth is a senior at College of Charleston.

"Bud and I are moving to Franklin, Tennessee! Bud's company offered him a great promotion so off we go, but we do plan to return to Watkinsville, Georgia, when we retire," reports **Ellen Cobleigh Tomter** '71. Son Blair (27) has a dream job as program

manager for the Ritz Carlton Members Club golf course in Sarasota. He will marry in February 2007. Son Jordan (20) completed his second year at Southern Polytechnic State University, where he is majoring in management. Shari runs a small business creating PowerPoints and manuals for her clients, and will continue to work from her home office in Franklin.

**Helen Ferguson Zachry** '71 is still alive and kicking in little ol' West Point, Georgia. "Griggs and I will celebrate our 34th anniversary in September. We became grandparents in 2005! Scott Hamilton 'Zach' Zachry, Jr. was a year old on St. Patrick's Day, and Miles Davidson Zachry is nine-months-old. Shoulda had grandchildren first! I've been music director at West Point First United Methodist Church for nine years and director of Christian Education there for six years. Griggs and our younger son, David, are partners in a construction company. David's wife, Hollie, is a pharmaceutical sales rep. Our older son, Scott, and his wife, Kelli, are both school teachers in Newnan, Georgia. I continue to stay in touch with Dr. Villard's wife, Wanda, who lives in an assisted living facility near her daughter Brenda in Minnesota and with **Dr. Barbara Brinson** '71 who is considering leaving the cold climate of Buffalo, New York, and moving back to her hometown of Columbus, Georgia."

"I would like to thank all my classmates for their cards, letters, and contributions in memory of my daughter, Stephanie. The bench they donated at her school is beautiful and very much "used" by the students, writes **Laura Lowe Harmon** '72 of Montgomery, Alabama.

She's been swamped the last couple of years adding a master's degree in mid-level social studies from Furman University to her certificate, and although she's back in school now adding on gifted certification, **Hale Coble Edwards** '73 says she can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

**Carol Bacon** '73 of Thomasville, Georgia, enjoyed "being part of the 2006 Wesleyan Trifecta." Her mom is **Marijean Allsopp Eilers** '47 and her daughter is **Anna Kelso Pettis** '06.

**Anne Thornton Reynolds** '73 lives in Marietta, Georgia. Her daughter, Emily a 2004 graduate of Elon University, is going on staff with campus outreach in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her son, Mark, will be a junior at Wofford College, and will spend the fall semester in Buenos Aires.

In Overland Park, Kansas, **Susan Paul Tyler** '73 is still working at the American Academy of Family Physicians as manager of continuing medical education accreditation. Her daughter, Lauren Duncan, got married last summer after graduating from Texas Tech University. This past May Lauren received her MBA degree.

There's news from Graceville, Florida, and **Gail Dixon Mann** '74. Her oldest daughter, Melissa, has started working on a master's degree and is the mother of Gail's grandson, Nathaniel (3). Marien, her middle child, was awarded another business scholarship and a medal for maintaining a 3.7- 4.0 grade point average. A Christian relationship was a scholarship requirement. Daughter Melody has completed a year at FSU in the Genesis Leadership Program.



## Class of 1976 30th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Robyn Sullins Bish, Luelle Parkinson Stubbs, Debbie Jones Smith, Karen Miller Smith Row 2 (L to R): Gina Pritchard Ashby, Cynthia McMullen, Melissa Worley Callahan, Lisa Oldham Sassaman Row 3 (L to R): Frances Smith Kite, Susan Joyce Scenna

## 1976 (30th Reunion)

Can it really be our 30th reunion? These questions and more were answered by Green Knight classmates during Alumnae Weekend. Reunion chair **Cynthia McMullen** planned for a memorable weekend that included a Friday night class party at Panera Bread and a Saturday "GK gab-fest" at the home of **Debbie Jones Smith**.

Jacksonville, Florida, resident **Gina Pritchard Ashby '76** is the presenting director of preschool ministries at Fruit Cove Baptist Church. Husband Rick is area vice president for imaging at Mallinckrodt Medical. They have three children. Daughter Marjorie (freshman) and son David (junior) are both students at FSU. Son Alan graduated from FSU, earned an MBA from Rollins, and now lives in Orlando and works at Tech USA as a recruiter.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Webb Bedgood '76**, who received a master's degree and a specialist's degree in Education from Mercer. She is teaching 6th grade at Rutland Middle School in Macon. Cheryl is a widow with three children: Heather, Jennifer, and Jimmy and a proud grandmother of her one grandson, Gavin (3).

After 27 years of service at Delta Air Lines, **Robyn Sullins Bish '76** of Jonesboro, Georgia, retired in June 2006. She will begin teaching 2nd grade in the Henry County School System. Robyn is also taking harp lessons and says, "At age 51 I get to play in a recital."

**Melissa Worley Callahan '76** lives in Kennesaw, Georgia, where her husband, Tim, is chief of police for the city. Melissa is a probation

officer with the Georgia Department of Corrections and is a supervisor in the Marietta Probation Office enjoying office and courtroom work after 20 years as a field probation officer. "Who knew we were headed in the law enforcement field when we were at Mercer and Wesleyan? Oldest daughter Carrie is a kindergarten teacher, and Emily is a college sophomore. Both went to North Georgia College in Dahlonega. Couldn't get them to Wesleyan but both are Phi Mu's, which was founded at Wesleyan," writes Melissa.

**Barbee Dyer '76** has two addresses. She divides time between a home in New Port Richey, Florida, and one in the mountains of western North Carolina. She retired from a career practicing ophthalmology and radiation oncology as a physician's assistant.

**Maconite Frances Smith Kite '76** is "very happy to be a part of this Class of 1976." She has five grandchildren, ages 1-8, who all call her "Gigi."

**Roberta Lapinski Gangler '76** of State College, Pennsylvania, is a retired music educator. Husband Doug is a retired naval officer. Son Steven (24) is a naval officer, married, and stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. Daughter Meredith (23) graduated from the Eastman School of Music, and is currently at SMU in Dallas finishing a master's degree in horn performance. Roberta writes, "It's been years since I've been in Macon, but I will try and stop by on my next trip down south."

"I'm sorry to have missed our 30th reunion – life with a high school junior is challenging! My daughter will be part of an international youth circus this summer

(Circus Smirkus) that will be touring New England from July – August. My job is to make curtains for the trouper trailers. I keep on sewing!" writes **Patti Henry '76** from Wellesley, Massachusetts.

In Richmond, Virginia, **Cynthia McMullen '76** works as a reporter/columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, putting her Wesleyan degree and her master's degree in English literature from Virginia Commonwealth University to good use.

**Luelle Parkinson Stubbs '76** and her husband live in Panama City, Florida, where Luelle works part-time with 4th and 5th grade students, and Wayne works as the port director at Port Panama City. Their older son, Ben, and his wife, Jen, expect Luelle's first grandchild in October. Ben is the director of club sports at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Jen manages the Mellow Mushroom across from UT. Younger son James graduated from UCF and will attend graduate school at UT in the fall, studying economics. Luelle says, "I'll be making lots of trips to Knoxville in the future!"

In Tifton, Georgia, **Karen Hicks Cummings '77** stays busy serving as music associate for First Baptist Church, and teaching private piano lessons.

**Wendy Eastman Link '77** of Owensboro, Kentucky, was saddened by the news of Mr. McKinney's death. She and her husband, Ralf, celebrated their 25th anniversary last year. Their son, Kevin, is serving in the Army in Afghanistan. Daughter Lucy is a freshman education major at University of Southern Indiana this fall. Wendy is medically retired from the ministry and her

job as an elementary school technology instructor. She spends most of her time painting and learning the art of jewelry making.

Congratulations to **Ann Curtiss Perry '77** of Columbia, South Carolina, who earned National Board Certification for Professional Teachers in early/middle years music. Her daughter, Wrennie, has married. Her son, William, graduated from Presbyterian College and will attend graduate school this fall, majoring in vocal performance/opera. Son Stanley, Jr. will be a high school senior. Ann's husband, Stan, keeps busy with Kiwanis.

**Page Walker Jones '78** relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina, in May 2005. She still works part-time as a dental hygienist. Her older son, Bryan, graduated from Auburn last year. Her younger son, Wes, is a freshman at Auburn (Three more years and counting!). Page also has a step-daughter living in the Lake Norman area close by.

Empty nesters Mike and **Laurinda Murphy Norris '78** of Tallahassee, Florida, might have a new address but are busier than ever. Younger son Cain will attend the University of Florida this fall after a stellar senior year graduating from an International Baccalaureate High School Program. Older daughter Anna will be a senior at Florida State (double majors in music and American studies) after completing an internship in Washington this summer. Husband Mike celebrated 10 years as minister of music at First Baptist Tallahassee and is an adjunct professor at the community college. He was the founding choirmaster for the Tallahassee Symphony's inaugural Symphony Chorus last year. Laurinda is director of food serv-

## Class of 1981 25th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Cindy Cobb, Trisha Chapman DuBose, Lynne White  
Row 2 (L to R): Shirley Weihman, Nancy Sinnott Parker Row 3  
(L to R): Leslie Eberhardt Highsmith, Mary Thompson Monfort,  
Nanette Shaw Coleman



ices at First Baptist and says she gets paid to shop and throw parties! The whole family is involved in all phases of the local community theatre scene. Last summer Laurinda accompanied her mother to New York City to fulfill a life-long dream and celebrate her 80th birthday. "I think of Wesleyan often and did a driving tour of campus two years ago. Had things ever changed?"

"What great timing! I am at Clemson doing an Advanced Placement Environmental Science Workshop. **Patilee Tate '78** and I reconnected over dinner! We shared great memories of all that Wesleyan had done for us, discussed family and friends, the Galapagos Islands with **Pat Hardeman '68**, etc. – all interwoven with laughter because of a great four years in Macon. Hope to see you all soon," writes **Janet Ort '78**, who lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Karen McKinney Renner '78** has been teaching yoga for 12 years and is illustrating a book. Husband Ron's two year old general contracting business is doing very well. Her oldest son, Scott (25), finished a four-year stint in the Marine Corps on June 1st. Youngest son, Jason (23), will graduate from college in December, and has plans to go into the Air Force and later work on a master's degree.

Wesleyannes **Gail Bacon Ford '79**, **Angela Rogers '04** and **Ruth Knox '75** participated in a Benefit Book Fair for Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table held in May at Barnes and Noble. Ruth, Gail, and Angela read stories to children in the bookstore.

## 1980s

Maconite **Sara Griffin Landry '80** celebrated the marriage of her grandson, Thomas Griffin Perkins to Jamie Hodge on May 21, 2006, in Memphis, Tennessee.

### 1981 (25th Reunion)

Reunion chair **Stephanie Parker** encouraged Pirates to come back to port after 25 years at sea. First-mates **Cindy Cobb** and **Nancy Sinnott Parker** kept the ship afloat during Alumnae Weekend for classmates who sailed in to celebrate and share "silver" treasures with each other.

**Cindy Cobb '81** resides in Norcross, Georgia. She has gone back to work full-time at a law firm and loves it. Her twins, David and Elizabeth, are 11 and will be going to middle school next year. Husband Gene has been directing plays at their church; he's looking into a second career in the ministry.

**Nanette Shaw Coleman '81** works for *A Night in Old San Antonio* (a branch of the San Antonio Conservation Society). NIOSA is the largest of the Fiesta San Antonio events and the primary fundraiser for the Society. Nanette calls Schertz, Texas, home.

After 17 years as a classroom teacher, **Patricia "Trisha" Chapman DuBose '81** of St. Mary's, Georgia, has changed venues. "I now work for the Georgia Department of Education as a science specialist. My 'students' are teachers in south Georgia. We are all working together to improve science education. One of my new colleagues is **Miriam McElheney Jordan '73**!"

"It was great paying a visit to Wesleyan after a 17 year gap!" reports **Mary Thompson Monfort '81** from Jacksonville, Florida. "Victor and I have been happily married for 21 years. Our oldest daughter, Katie, will be a freshman at the University of Florida this fall. Anne Marie (16) will be a senior in high school. Her visit to Wesleyan this weekend has convinced her she wants to attend a small college. Madeleine is in 5th grade, Victor is in 3rd grade, and Anthony is three. I stay at home and am very involved in my church, having led a ladies Bible study for 13 years."

Macon resident **Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81** is serving on the board of trustees of the Middle Georgia Regional Library. She has finished her second year as trustee chair.

**Caron Yin '82** says she has lived in Richardson, Texas, "forever." She teaches private piano lessons there, and has been a long-time board member of the Richardson Music Teacher's Association. She also serves as the conductor for the high school ensemble group that performs at the RMTA's annual convention. Caron's three children also keep her busy. She keeps in touch with **Gina Loh '81**, who lives in Canada, **Dr. Sylvia Ross '92 (HON)**, and sends her best to former teacher Edward Eikner.

**Wanda Ferguson Watson '83** of Lithia Springs, Georgia, is delighted that daughter Adrienne Warlick is a new first-year student at Wesleyan. Although Wanda attended the college for one year and finished her degree at Emory, she was thrilled to realize that she has alumna status, and that Adrienne qualifies for a tuition grant available to daughters and

granddaughters. "Adrienne and I are very grateful and honored that my time at Wesleyan turned out not only be a factor in her selection of the school, but is recognized as something of a heritage. We are two very excited Wesleyannes," writes Wanda.

In April, Green Knights **Mary "Peg" Shippen Atkisson '84** and **Jo Klein-Duke '84** attended the wedding of **Patricia Elise Sterling '84** and Allan Joseph Brzezinski in New Britain, Connecticut. The bride wore a beautiful floor length gown and the reception was held in a lovely bookstore. Peg and Jo gave Allan and Patricia a proper "Hoddy Toddy, Green Knight Body" send-off by decorating the get-away car in Wesleyan colors. (See *Marriages*.)

"We are thrilled to announce the arrival of William Chase Smith to our family on February 10, 2006. Chase joins Virginia (9) and Tripp (7)," reports **Patsy Uphold Smith '85** from Riverside, Connecticut. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

### 1986 (20th Reunion)

They've been coloring the world purple since graduating in 1986, and reunion chair **Beth Marecki Alberding** made sure her classmates continued the tradition at reunion with help from **Kathy Parham Young**, who contacted classmates to encourage attendance. At reunion, classmates did attend a "Perfectly Purple PK Pizza Party" at the home of **Tammy Mullis Hawkins**, where they enjoyed a special evening of sisterhood.



## Class of 1986 20th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Hope Jenkins Bankston, Patricia Potts Wells, Dana Flanders Laster

Row 2 (L to R): Celia Hughes Hohnadel, Dana Grinstead Tanner, Vonda Brokopp Klein, Elizabeth Hasty Sutton

Row 3 (L to R): Beth Marecki Alberding, Merri Hart White, Lynn Stark Biester

What an accomplishment! **Melissa Furcha Flewelling '87**, who currently lives in Maine with her husband of 22 years, has home schooled her two children since kindergarten; her oldest will graduate from high school in 2007.

Congratulations to **Lisa Shiveeler '87**, who is the new director of admission at Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia. Lisa has spent the last four years working at Wesleyan, where she was the former assistant director of admission and coordinator of international recruitment.

**Dr. Michele Arduengo '88** presented "Case Studies for Teaching Settings" at the 5th Annual International Bioethics Forum in Madison, Wisconsin, in April 2006. She used the Hastings Center Model to direct discussion of a case study involving ethical issues surrounding research using human/mouse neural chimeras. At the forum she also co-led a lunchtime chat circle with Scott Anderson, executive director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Michele has served on the planning committee for the forum since its inception 2001.

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank Atlanta resident **Debbie Moses '89** for her dedicated service to the college as president of the association for the past three years.

## 1990s

**Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90** is a Wesleyan Success Story. At age 64 she earned a degree in religious education from Wesleyan College in 1990, after raising 10 children and one nephew. Nine of her children earned college degrees and one son served his country with a

career in the Air Force. These days Annie Mae is a professional volunteer visiting hospitals, nursing homes, working at the Tubman African American Museum in Macon, recruiting students for Wesleyan, and even has her own prison ministry. Her current family member count is 53 and includes children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has been an inspiring mother and teacher, as she was to hundreds of her "other children" in the Bibb County School System, where she served for 39 years. Many Wesleyanites remember her late husband, Wilbur, who was a cook at Lenbergs for more than 65 years. Annie Mae celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends in the Oval Hall at Wesleyan.

## 1991 (15th Reunion)

Reunion co-chairs **Hope Hahn** and **Kari Goellner Johnston** spread the word to classmates to return to Wesleyan for a festive GH 15th. Classmates responded and met at Kari's home for a Friday night get-together that was filled with "golden" moments. Career moves and kids were hot topics of conversation, as was a future-time scenario that the next reunion would be the BIG 20!

"I got married and had wonderful children – Hugh in December 2002 and Troy in January 2004," writes **Mary Raines Caldwell '91** of Macon. Mary stays busy being a mom and working full time.

In July 2006, **Melissa Malone Constable '91** and husband Chris of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, welcomed a baby girl, Cassie Marie, into their newly-formed family. Chris and Melissa were married in September 2005 at the

DeBordieu Club in Georgetown, South Carolina. **Beth Kargel '91** of Atlanta was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Melissa is a national board certified teacher of deaf and hard of hearing students in Georgetown. Chris works as assistant controller/human resources manager at the DeBordieu Club. Melissa's mother is **Nedra Martin Malone '65**. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

**Sandra Dunson '91** is president of S. Dunson Consulting in Villa Rica, Georgia. She joined the Advanced Academy of Georgia (University of West Georgia) board of trustees. The Advanced Academy is an early entrance program for gifted high school juniors and seniors. Sandra also offers scholarship funding for the Young Scholar's Institute (YSI) each summer. YSI is a gifted education summer camp program for 8th and 9th grades sponsored by the Advanced Academy.

Maconite **Hope Hahn '91** has added a new title to her name. She is a licensed real estate agent in the state of Georgia, working for Coldwell Banker/SSK. In addition, she just celebrated her five-year anniversary as a sales representative for Merck and Company, Inc. Hope earned her master's in health administration from Mercer University in 1997.

**Trina Hammonds '91** of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is enrolled in a doctoral program at Walden University. She earned a master's degree in counseling from Georgia State University and is a licensed professional counselor (LPC). Trina recently returned to the United States after a one year tour of duty with the Department of Defense as a teacher for the Army in Hanau, Germany. She is presently working for the Georgia

Department of Juvenile Justice. "I am enjoying my nine-year-old daughter, and working as a teacher after being a school counselor for seven years prior to going overseas," writes Trina.

Congratulations to **Heather Harden '91** of Newnan, Georgia, who was promoted in March to the position of transportation manager of ConGlobal Industries in Atlanta.

**Cynthia Hershey '91** lives in Benton, Kentucky, and is a catastrophe claims adjuster with State Farm. The recent aftermaths of deadly hurricanes and floods have kept her unusually busy for the past two years.

Macon resident **Kari Goellner Johnston '91** has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**, as the first to hold the position of grants resources administrator with the Bibb County Board of Commissioners. Kari's son, Hughes (10), is in the fourth grade. Son Koell (6) is in kindergarten. Kari attended President Bush's inauguration and visited with **Kristin Van Brero Yashko '91** in Vienna, Virginia. In September 2005, Kari traveled to New York to visit with **Leslie Thomson Kravet '91** and to help Leslie with her newborn baby girl, Layton Kravet.

In Macon, **Christine Ruotolo Sauls '91** and her daughter, Abby (6), have moved into a new home. Chris, recently divorced, is the manager of Budgets and Management Information at GEICO Insurance Company.

**Dr. Sheila Southerland '91** is a practicing board eligible graduate in emergency medicine in Cordele, Georgia.

## Class of 1991 15th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Kari Goellner Johnston, Stephanie Watkins Thompson, Stacey Stanton Walker, Hope Hahn, Anna Anderson Hagler Row 2 (L to R): Trina Hammonds, Christine Ruotolo Sauls, Melisa Mixon Bodnar Row 3 (L to R): Sandra Dunson, Sheila Southerland, Heather Harden, Robyn Miller Schopp, Cynthia Hershey, Michelle Toole Westbrook



During Christmas, **Stacey Stanton Walker '91** and husband David of Lilburn, Georgia, hosted a dinner for several classmates in their new home that included **Leslie Thomson Kravet '91** and her husband, Scott, and their daughter, Layton (from Roslyn, New York); **Hope Harris Weldon '91** and her family (from Clarkesville, Georgia); and **Hope Hahn '91** and **Kari Goellner Johnston '91** from Macon. "We had a great time catching up and watching all of our children play together!" writes Stacey. "Our son, Drew (8), is in the second grade and plays football and soccer. Our daughter, Anthea, was six in May and is in kindergarten. David still works for BellSouth!" Stacey has taught 2nd grade in Gwinnett County for the past three years. Appointed by her principal to be on the school's leadership team, Stacey facilitates staff development and meets with the executive director of Gwinnett Public Schools to share ideas for the county.

Aldrin Yashko (2 and 1/2) has a new brother, Richard Walker Yashko, was born in April to **Kristin Van Brero Yashko '91** of Vienna, Virginia. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Congratulations to **Cydney Costello Busbee '92** of Macon who was selected by *Macon Magazine* as one of the city's "Five Under Forty" community leaders. The Downtown Rotary Club, where she serves as vice-president, also named her "Rotarian of the Year for 2005-2006. Cydney is the director of marketing for the Medical Center/Central Georgia Health Systems. She is a 2005 Leadership Macon graduate, and volunteers with Family Connection/Community Partnerships, Career Womens' Network, Greater Macon Chamber

of Commerce (vice-chair of education), Macon Volunteer Clinic (board member) and is a Cherry Blossom Festival trustee. She also finds time to be a Meals on Wheels monthly volunteer. Cydney is chair of Education First, and was instrumental in the development of this non-profit organization designed to improve public schools. Her most rewarding job is being mother to Jesse Bradford (J.B.), age 5, and Merritt, age 2.

**Kelley Southerland '92** of Denver, Colorado, has started her fifth year of practicing law. In July, Kelley accepted a new position with Stiner, Beck, Jonson & Nolan, LLP, as an associate practicing domestic relations law. Kelly has practiced in this area since graduating from law school, and has moved her focus to advocacy for children. She still plays the piano, and has resumed taking piano lessons. She's also opening a small studio of her own to teach piano to young children. According to Kelley, "Life in Denver is wonderful!"

In April, **Alison Charney Hussey '93** took on the brave role of cruise director in planning for a Wesleyan "bachelorette cruise" to the Bahamas to honor classmate **Ruth Powell '93**. There was much fun and many festivities for travelers **Katie Compain '91**, **Eileen Gray Booth '93**, **Melanie Filson Lewis '93**, **Daphne Nobles Markham '93**, **Emily Adams Mowery '93**, **Heidi Hacia Suydam '93**, **Elizabeth Banowsky Swain '95**, and **Allison Wohlbruck '94**. Several family members that are Wesleyan graduates were also part of the celebration. **William O. Powell '59** was the minister and is Ruth's uncle. He was there with his wife, **Sylvia Anderson Powell '59**, and their daughter, **Libbie Powell Key '85**, all of Columbus, Georgia. (See *Marriages*.)

On June 10, **Ruth Powell '93** of Columbus, Georgia, married Brian Storts on the beach in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. There were many friends and family in attendance from the Wesleyan gang. **Melanie Filson Lewis '93** was the matron of honor. Other classmates participating in the sunny festivities were: **Eileen Gray Booth '93**, **Katie Compain '91**, **Alison Charney Hussey '93**, **Daphne Nobles Markham '93**, **Wendi Wyndam Martin '94**, **Emily Adams Mowery '93**, **Leigh Copeland Sayers '93**, **Heidi Hacia Suydam '93**, **Elizabeth Banowsky Swain '95**, and **Allison Wohlbruck '94**. Several family members that are Wesleyan graduates were also part of the celebration. **William O. Powell '59** was the minister and is Ruth's uncle. He was there with his wife, **Sylvia Anderson Powell '59**, and their daughter, **Libbie Powell Key '85**, all of Columbus, Georgia. (See *Marriages*.)

After returning from a post-doc in Christchurch, New Zealand, **Janelle Reynolds-Fleming '94** and her husband are staying busy starting their own company, **Seahorse Coastal Consulting**, working as post-docs, and learning the intricacies of parenthood since December 2005, when their daughter Bryn was born.

**Truly McClellan Hardemon '95** and James are enjoying their first year of marriage in Gainesville, Florida. "I hope everything is well with old friends and classmates," writes Truly.

## 1996 (10th Reunion)

Celebrating ten years of Great Green Knight friendship, members of the Class of '96 returned to campus determined to make new memories, and thanks to reunion co-chairs **Yehudi Self-Medlin** and **Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague**, they did. **Joy Moten Thomas** spearheaded a GK class fundraiser, selling commemorative reunion mugs at the *Wesleyan Marketplace* held during the weekend. Friday night events included a family dinner, and Saturday night's class party was held at the home of **Patrenice Guthrie Thomas**. On Sunday, classmates met at the Cracker Barrel for a *see-you-at-the-15th* brunch.

**Elizabeth Hart Bowling '96** is thrilled to say that sister **Wesleyanne, Jenny Pozo Pfefferkorn '95** and her husband Karl and their two sons, Jackson and William, have just moved back to Tullahoma, Tennessee, where Elizabeth lives and works as general counsel for a large financial institution. Elizabeth enjoys spending time with all of them now that they are so much closer than Colorado!

**Sharon Brim Chappelle '96** likes her new job as a stay-at-home mom. She and husband Dave live in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Camden, who will be a year old on September 6, 2006. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

"Wish me luck!" exclaims **Emily Wilson Ebinger '96**, who lives in Locust Grove, Georgia. "I'm going into the tax preparation business."



## Class of 1996 10th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Joy Moten-Thomas, Aimee Morris Lashley, Kath Worley Hammes, Elizabeth Mathis, Kristin Conley Lamble, Heather Goodwin Row 2 (L to R): Ann-Marie Heard Arnold, Dahlia Wharton Nafjus, Liza Lagade, Sharon Brim Chappelle, Terri Bagwell, Patrenice Guthrie Thomas Row 3 (L to R): Beth Milstead Wilson, Emily Wilson Ebinger, Stephanie Miller Kitelynn, Jennifer Jones Galligan, Heather Preuss Kent Row 4 (L to R): Sherry Neal, Beth Hodges McKeever, Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague, Jo Mastrangelo Kaczor, Yehudi Self-Medlin, Michelle McClune Horgan, Melissa English Moore, Jennifer Finch Ham, Monica Santamaria

**Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague '96** had a second baby, William Sidney, born in June. She and husband Brian live in Orange Park, Florida, with their daughter, Olivia, who is almost three. Elizabeth works at Nemours Children's Hospital as a manager of a reporting and analysis team. She received a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Grandmother **Kathy Weeks Leaman '72** is thrilled with the newest family addition (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

**Michelle McCluney Horgan '96** her husband, Mark, are enjoying married life in Alexandria, Virginia.

United States Air Force Captain and Commander of Information Systems Flight **Joy Mastrangelo Kaczor '96** is working on her Ph.D., after earning a master's of science degree in computer information systems. She and husband Bill celebrated their 12th anniversary (on April 23) during Alumnae Weekend 2006. They had their first child, Dominic, on December 26, 2004. The Kaczor's have bought a new house in Melbourne, Florida.

As a research scientist for Elucida Research in Beverly, Massachusetts, **Yehudi Self-Medlin '96** does biophysical research of cardiovascular pharmaceutical benefits and potential side effects. Yehudi received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Virginia in 2004.

**Sherry Neal '96** and husband Don Wright of Atlanta welcomed their daughter, Latha Lois Wright, into the world on May 4, 2006. Sherry says she looks cute in her Wesleyan hat and bib. Maybe she will be a third generation Wesleyanne! (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

"I am now the payroll supervisor at Bechtel for their US and local national payrolls. I am responsible for ten payrolls in eight countries," announces **Susan Selensky '96** from El Mirage, Arizona.

After returning from Germany in August 2005, **Anna Wilkins '96** lives and works in Dallas, Texas. She looks forward to her November 2006 wedding in Florida.

Macon resident **Beth Milstead Wilson '96** and her husband, Andy, are grandparents to two new granddaughters – Raley and AnnaLea.

In August 2005 **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** was ordained as a deacon in the First Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia. She continues to teach at the Bob Richards Regional Youth Detention Center there. Son Carter will be three in August. Her husband is doing well, too.

Following Hurricane Katrina **Kimberly Benoit '98** and her husband settled in Baton Rouge, where she works as a systems analyst for an emergency management consulting firm.

**Piper Allen Ellis '98** sends a note to her Wesleyan family: "Life in Boone, North Carolina, is great. I work for Earth Fare (an organic supermarket) as the health and body care manager. My husband, Bradley, is the produce manager. In January 2006 Earth Fare sent us to Costa Rica for training on an organic, biodynamic farm and for some vacation. My best to all."

PKs **Kiera Sheedy Camron '98** and **Tamalyin Jackson Gutierrez '98**, GH **Amanda Benson Gay '99** and daughter Kyla Rose Gay, GKS **Missy Graham Meeks '00** and **Melissa Lockert Lain '00** gathered for a weekend at St. George Island,

Florida, in April 2006. All were chaperoned by Jackson Lain born (in 2005) to Melissa and Scott.

Congratulations to **Lora Tolley Peppard '98**, who has been accepted into Columbia University's Doctorate of Nursing Practice program. She will begin this fall specializing in psychiatry during her residency.

**Missy Ryan's ('98)** new passion for hiking and rock climbing has paid off! She recently entered a competition sponsored by Salomon Company, a French based gear company that advertised the "Salomon Women Will: Live Your Dream Competition." Missy submitted (along with 3700 other women) an essay detailing her dream adventure and made it into the top ten finalists. She is the only finalist from the USA. While the winner receives \$13,000 towards her dream trip, each finalist also receives a huge prize package of equipment and gear. Way to go, Missy!

Congratulations to **Danielle Fleming Fanning '99** of Macon, who received an MBA degree in marketing from the University of Phoenix in February 2006. She recently took a job with GlaxoSmithKline as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

"We've moved to Pacific Grove, California, so that my husband can attend the Naval Postgraduate School. It's beyond beautiful out here. I am the new volunteer coordinator for Animal Friends Rescue Project, a local non-profit organization. I am also handling the dog foster homes and intake from the local shelters. It's very busy and can be sad at times, but it is so rewarding when one of our rescued cats or dogs finds a forever home," reports **Dana Karstensen-Bryan '99**.

**Amy-Chris Vinson '99** of Charlotte, North Carolina, has news to share. Her classmate and friend, **Shannon McGinley '99**, was named the 2005 Social Worker of the Year. Shannon is LMSW, Hospice Social Worker at Portsbridge Hospice in Augusta, Georgia. Shannon is also a new member of the board of managers of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association.

## 2000s

It has been an exciting year for **Amanda Bickley Aguilar '00**. She and Edwin Aguilar married on November 25, 2005, and also bought a home in Kathleen, Georgia. (See *Marriages*.)

## 2001 (5th Reunion)

Pirates felt right at home on the water (poolside) at The Sleep Inn for a class party planned by reunion chair **Joanne Sales Ingram**, where there was plenty of time to catch up on five years of "life after Wesleyan." Reunion phone committee members **Kizzy Holmes** and **Jywanya Smith Dillinger** also contacted classmates and helped to make the weekend a festive 5th for returning classmates.

Congratulations to **Stacey Burton '01** of Athens, Georgia, who graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree in social work on May 13, 2006.

Congratulations to **Hannah Callender '01** of Nashville, Tennessee, who earned a master of science degree in mathematics at Vanderbilt University. Hannah is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program for mathematics at Vanderbilt.

## Class of 2001 5th reunion

Row 1 (L to R): **Hannah Callender**, **Julia Tolley LeSage**, **Yanira Chevere**, **Kizzy Holmes**, **Brandy Morris Kirkwood** Row 2 (L to R): **Charisse Jenkins**, **Abbie Smoak Lacienski**, **Shannon Kundey**, **Jywanya Smith Dillinger** Row 3 (L to R): **Andrea Morgan Mendez**, **Joanne Sales Ingram**, **Stacey Burton**



2005 was a landmark year for **Joanne Sales Ingram '01** of Acworth, Georgia. Joanne graduated from Piedmont College in July 2005 with a master's degree in education. In August she had a baby, Joshua Connor Ingram, who weighed more than 11 pounds! Joanne currently teaches 3rd grade at Oak Grove Elementary School in Acworth.

Congratulations to **Lindsey Rich '01** who has "awesome news." She was accepted to the Touro University College of Pharmacy in the San Francisco Bay area. She started school at the beginning of August. "I want to thank all of you for your help in the application process or your support and friendship through the years, and for just caring about my life," says Lindsey.

**Sarah Chandler '02** is a third year master of fine arts candidate in the department of Theatre Arts at Virginia Tech. She has worked in multiple theatres, including Unto These Hills (Cherokee, North Carolina), Theater Virginia, and with the Henlopen Theatre Project (Rhode Island) and the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Massachusetts.

**Erica Herrmann '02** moved to Atlanta in August 2005, where she is teaching children with autism and behavior disorders in Alpharetta. She graduated in May 2005 (MS degree in special education) from Johns Hopkins.

Armed with two master's degrees in music (piano performance and piano accompanying) from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, **Chenny Gan '02** will begin doctoral studies in music at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese, and German, Chenny has performed in China, Canada, Austria,

Germany and in the United States. She has taught in China, Germany and the United States and has performed four solo appearances with orchestras, collaborated with jazz musicians on three continents, and released three CDs. Her album *Anima* was featured on Georgia Public Radio for its integration of oil paintings inspired by solo piano repertoire. When she is not performing or teaching, Chenny is involved with philosophy, painting, swimming, yoga, and travel.

After passing her doctoral exam and starting on her dissertation, **Kris Mayrhofer '02** is keeping her fingers crossed that she'll finish by the end of the next school year!

Congratulations to **Vida Olivares '02** who received a master of education degree in mathematics education from Georgia State University on May 13, 2006. Vida has been teaching in Stockbridge, Georgia, since graduating from Wesleyan.

Congratulations to **Ebony Roberts '02** of Augusta, Georgia, who received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia-College of Pharmacy on May 6, 2006.

**Megan Temple '02**, who is working on another degree in nursing at Gordon College (May 2007) and also works as a Nurse Extern at the Medical Center of Central Georgia and the Houston Medical Center, somehow managed to squeeze in a wedding on June 10. **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02** (Macon), **Alison Justus Mandell '02** (Reno, Nevada), and **Laurie Gibson '02** (Columbus, Georgia) were all bridesmaids. **Saralyn Stewart '02** (Crawfordville, Georgia) sang in Megan's wedding to Trey Golden of Macon. Other

Wesleyan present were **Tena Roberts '60** (Macon), **Nicki Leigh Neufeld '04** (Macon) and **Andrea Clark '02** of Atlanta. Megan's mother is **Ina Davis Temple '68** of Macon. (See *Marriages*.)

She made it! **Rachel Garcia '03** of Suwanee, Georgia, has completed her first semester of medical school at Ross University School of Medicine.

**Lauren Haney '03** enjoys life in the city of Atlanta, where she works at the High Museum of Art as assistant to the chair of the education department. Lauren plans events for public programs. She is looking forward to planning for an upcoming exhibit of artwork from the Louvre.

Anyone interested in a cute townhouse in Alpharetta, Georgia? **Brandy Heineman '03** has plans to sell hers now that she's busy making plans for her December wedding! Brandy is the remarketing coordinator for LeasePlan USA, a fleet leasing business based in Alpharetta. She keeps in touch with little sister **Lauren Warner Childers '05** in Phoenix, Arizona. Lauren teaches at The Sylvan Center and is looking forward to being in Brandy's wedding.

As of May 15, 2006, **Torey Jones '03** will be a fourth year PharmD candidate at UGA and will start rotations in Albany, Georgia. She lives in Americus, Georgia.

**Kelly Jones '04** of Tallahassee, Florida, completed her first year of medical school at Florida State University College of Medicine last spring. This summer she worked as a medical assistant in a summer camp for diabetic girls in Massachusetts. She will continue her medical studies in the fall.

## 2005 (1st Reunion)

Reunion Chair **Stephanie Samuels** and her committee members, **Heather Poindexter**, **Erin Rooney**, and **Ashling Thurmond** and their classmates have a WESLEYAN FIRST! They celebrated their first reunion weekend as alumnae. Amidst hugs and hoopla, Pirates gathered for more good times, and proudly presented their first alumnae class gift at the annual meeting.

**Heather Hughes '05** will attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in New York City on a scholarship. She will be in a two-year actor training program which will give her access to casting agents and directors in the city.

**Jennifer Jenkins '05** performed the role of Chelsea in an all black production of *On Golden Pond* at Aiken Community Theatre in Aiken, South Carolina. In addition, Director Miya Lewis used Jennifer's research on the Civil Rights movement (from a class she took at Wesleyan) for her direction of the play *Contribution*.

In Macon, **Heather Poindexter '05** is an HRIS specialist at Cox Communications. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program with Columbia Southern University.

Congratulations to **Erin Rooney '05** of Chicago, Illinois, who is currently enrolled in the master's program in genetic counseling at Northwestern University and received the NMH Foundation Scholarship (\$12,000) awarded to a first-year genetic counseling student. Erin is working on her thesis regarding OB/GYNs knowledge of hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer.



## Class of 2005 1st reunion

Row 1 (L to R): Kourtney Williams, Christine Saunders, Erin Rooney, Carolyn Gregory, Johnnie Pascale Row 2 (L to R): Kathryn Nichols, Stephanie Samuels, Heather Poindexter, Natalie Slack

tal cancer. In addition, she is working on a scholarship project regarding phenotypic variations of isodicentricity.

**Anna Katherine "Anakee" Amacker '06** is enrolled at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, where she is looking forward to earning a master's degree in English.

**Uschi Auguste '06** is a student at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School-UMDNJ in New Jersey.

**Annette Beaumont '06** is a first year law student at Northwestern University in Chicago.

**Stacey-Ann Benjamin '06** is in a Ph.D. program in chemistry at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Quail Run Elementary School has a new 3rd grade teacher, **Leigh-Anne Blaylock '06** of Warner Robins, Georgia.

**Lainey Brooks '06** is in graduate school at Louisiana State University working toward a Ph.D. in history.

Georgia College and State University has a new graduate student. **Rachel Brown '06** is there studying for her master's degree in accounting.

**Natalie E. Carden '06** moved to Henry County, Georgia, this fall, where she teaches 3rd grade at Mt. Carmel Elementary School in Hampton.

**Yun Chen '06** from Shanghai, China, is a first year law student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Danielle Cutter '06** of Snellville, Georgia, is a budget analyst at Naval Financial Management Division.

**Sara Decubellis '06** is in graduate school at the University of Georgia working on a master's degree in social work.

**Kimberly Elliott '06** attends the University of Florida in Gainesville and will begin work on a doctor of public health degree.

**Melissa Fennell '06** works for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

**Belinda Foskey '06** is the producer of *The Morning Show* at Today's MGT-WMGT in Macon.

**Sylvia Gonsahn '06** began school in August at the George Washington Medical School in Washington, DC. Sylvia spent the summer as a faculty advisor for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine held at Georgetown University.

**Stephanie Griffis '06** lives in Byron, Georgia, and is teaching 3rd grade at Lake Joy Elementary School.

**Robyn Grimes '06** attends the University of Oregon, where she is working toward a Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology.

Her next step in education led **Nyasha Guramatunhu '06** to Georgia College and State University to study for a master's degree in public administration.

**Lauren Hamblin '06** has a new job as the marketing/communications manager for the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce.

**Heather Harper '06** of Byron, Georgia, is a program underwriter for the Allen Insurance Group.

**Rosie Harrington '06** is a graduate assistant at Louisiana State University, where she is working on a Ph.D. in French studies.

**Rhonda Harrison '06** of Macon is a staff accountant at Ikon Office Solutions.

**Carol Hicks '06** lives in Macon, where she is a major account specialist at Ikon Financial Services.

Congratulations to **Mollie Hughes '06** of Covington, Georgia, who received a \$5,000 fellowship to study at Chapman University in Orange, California. Mollie will be working on an MFA degree in film and television production.

The executive director of the Regional Community Center, Inc. in Cairo, Georgia, is **Jenna Jones '06**.

In Atlanta, **Stephanie Kanady '06** is at the Georgia Institute of Technology working on a master of science degree in international affairs.

Wesleyan is still home to **Amy Martin '06**, who works as a student loan coordinator at the college.

**Carletta Mathews '06** teaches first grade at Burdell-Hunt Magnet School in Macon.

**Ihunanya Mbata '06** is staying busy as a post baccalaureate research intern at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of NIH.

**Jaime McQuilkin '06** is putting her advertising, marketing, and communications major to good use as a graphic designer for US Advertising Products in Macon.

Columbus, Ohio, has a new resident. **Wanja Mwangi '06** is at Ohio State University working on a master of science degree in epidemiology.

It's a long way from Kathmandu to Macon, and now to Denver, for **Manira Rayamajhi '06**, who attends the University of Colorado. She is there working toward a Ph.D. degree in biomedical sciences.

Working on a master's degree in Spanish, **Nyanda Redwood '06** enjoys graduate school (and big city life) at St. Johns University in New York.

**Melanie Reed '06** is in law school at the University of Georgia.

Studying for a master's degree in political science and a master of science degree in economics at the University of Illinois will keep **Lindsay Rosenquist '06** busy for a few years.

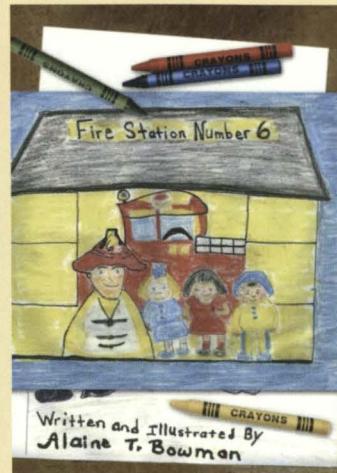
In Malibu, California, **Shannon Rupp '06** started the school year at Pepperdine University, where she is pursuing a MPP degree in international relations.

**Victoria Ryals '06** lives in Statesboro, Georgia, and attends Georgia Southern University, where she is working on a master's degree in clinical psychology.

**Danielle Sawtell '06** worked as technical director for Texas Legacies in Beaumont, Texas, this past summer. Before graduating from Wesleyan in May, Danielle received seven job offers from national theatre companies!

**Siobhan Sargent '06** has moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where she attends Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is studying for a master's degree in theological studies.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Alaine Thomas Bowman '86, who has written and illustrated her fourth children's book, entitled *Fire Station Number 6*. It is a colorful, informative, and entertaining book that teaches young people about the important role played by firefighters in every community and the value of a career in public service. Alaine studied literature and writing at Wesleyan and received her graduate degree in early childhood education at Mercer University. She taught first grade and kindergarten for 15 years. Her other books include: *The Bunny of All Bunnies*, *Car Number Five*, and *The Gift of Candy*. She is an independent contractor for Knight-Ridder/Macon Telegraph, and delights in encouraging young children to read, write, and dream. Alaine and husband Wiley live in Macon. They have five grown children and five grandchildren. For more information on her book contact: [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com)



She's pursuing a master's degree in library science at the University of Maryland, and **Amy Smith '06** is delighted to be in grad school.

**Latoya Stewart '06** is a student at Michigan State University in East Lansing. She is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in school psychology.

**Angelica Torres '06** is in graduate school at Georgia College and State University, where she is working on a degree in social history.

Wesleyan is still home to **Petrona Salmon '06**, who is the new residence life coordinator in the office of student affairs.

## Singer Songwriter takes to the road in search of record deal

With so many popular reality TV shows highlighting the aspirations of young talented singers, it is sometimes difficult to separate the manufactured from the authentic. One local aspiring artist is staying true to her roots. Mary-Charlotte Young '04: singer, songwriter, musician, and visual artist.

This Jesup, Georgia, native and Wesleyan alumna, was a fixture on the local music scene for several years, most notably as part of the house band at Rafters Blues Bar on St. Simons Island. Recently she relocated to College Station, Texas, two hours northeast of Austin, to try her hand at landing a record deal. "I really want the right person to hear me so I can get a record deal to make my own music with great producers," she said.

Young's vocals and lyrics tell honest, personal stories about her life with a distinct southern and folk sound. A rich alto tone and impressive range characterize her voice, which is never forceful or earnest, and makes the lyrics believable.

"In high school, I basically decided that music had to be my calling and that I should work on songwriting as a craft," said Young. "I gather my inspiration from making up stories or situations and then trying to find the best way to get the story across. Someone can just say one sentence to me and I immediately come up with a concept for a song and go from there," she said.



Citing various musical influences, she said, "I am a fan of Neutral Milk Hotel because of the simplicity of the instrumentation and the beautiful, grotesque, surreal lyrics. I also really like Bright Eyes because he is a solid songwriter."

Young has been performing music for about ten years, playing guitar and percussion for the Teal Sound Drum and Bugle Corps in Jacksonville, Florida. She was recently featured in the Lonestar vocal search contest, highlighting country music with 12 other singers. For now, Young is content with the offbeat work hours of a performing artist until the right label finds her. Content to entertain people and garner appreciation for her work, she said "I feel really lucky to be playing music for a living because there are so many people who don't have the opportunity to work at something they really enjoy."

— *Information contributed by Jodi Miller '03. The full article appeared in The Harbor Sound News, Brunswick, Georgia.*

## THANK YOU

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank the following out-going members of the Board of Managers for their dedicated leadership and years of service.

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Vice President for Educational Enrichment



# A Day in the Life: **SQUEAKERS**

*library cat-in-residence*

As I stretch in the light of an already warm morning sun, I drift in and out pondering and savoring the words of Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Mrs. Marks from 1788: *"It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness."*

I do love a good romance novel and the library's selection keeps even an old academic working cat youthful. Wesleyan has been my home as long as I can remember — since 1985, I've overheard. Although my memory is not what it used to be, an archived photograph places me at my preferred spot on the library steps as early as 1998. Dates are best for eating; but nonetheless, I am the cat-in-residence for now.

From my perch atop the Willet Memorial Library steps, mornings are filled with smiles and hellos from each passing student. Campus mornings bring the basic

necessities in life: those under-the-chin scratches that I so dearly love, and (always on schedule) my well-trained caregivers with dishes of my favorite grilled delicacies... chicken or tuna most mornings, with an occasional salmon goody on special days.

Essential morning responsibilities include guarding the library stairs, greeting visitors. Waiting. Watching. A few worthy individuals may be granted the opportunity to smooth my fur. A distraction, but I allow it. A day in my life, though, is not completely without its challenges and surprises. Just last week a horrid upheaval outside the library ensued with the installation of a new library roof. The new roof is a wonderfully needed repair, without doubt, but the falling old shingles posed a serious inconvenience... not to mention an impediment to early morning rodent control rounds. This coupled with the recent hedge trimming that eliminated at

least a dozen excellent hiding places—well, one must resort to drastic measure. So, a stowaway I've become—skulking amongst the books inside. Reunited at long last with old loves — Chaucer, Shakespeare, Proust, Hemingway. The Georgia Room, one of my favorite haunts, houses special collections on Sidney Lanier, Harry Stillwell Edwards, and the lovely Soong Sisters. Pishaw, humidity. Call it a self-promotion, if you must, but with increased perks come increased responsibilities. Rodents fear me until doors open, then it's greet, greet, greet. Twirling in and out of new releases begins mid-morning.

But nothing quite compares to the quiet after hours on the third floor listening to selections of jazz from our vast music collection in the audio booth. Three words, friends: Grove Music Online. Adieu paper-cut paws, this award winning resource includes the 29-volume New

# The Modern Working Cat

Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, the 4-volume New Grove Dictionary of Opera, plus the 3-volume New Grove Dictionary of Jazz...and oh!, extensive links to internet music sites.

To my surprise, my move inside the library has been quite successful, my efforts appreciated, and my reward: a new cushioned chair. Easily available to all, I greet patrons from my new perch (sometimes with enthusiasm, sometimes a passive approach works well). Either way, I am more accessible to a wealth of attention, scratches, and meals. I'm a regular in the new library lounge — a comfortable, bright space where library users eat, drink, study, and relax. It is here that I make a valid contribution to The Book Club. Five purrs for the summer selection, *The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich.

As the semester advances, all of those students who climb the stairs to give me a scratch hello will become more and more immersed in their work. They'll crowd around computers, consult with my caregivers, and sometimes...they'll stress. A mother's intuition, I suppose, jars me from a comfortable spot in the sun and sends me in the direction of someone needing a reminder of home. A little lean and a loud purr appease most. I find that during times of stress a student just needs a friend to sit quietly by and provide a peaceful presence.

I go where I'm needed. Except, of course, when I am out on one of my hunting excursions. Oh yes, I still love the pounce. And Wesleyan's beautiful, tree-filled campus, with its wealth of chipmunks and birdies, provides plenty of sport for me. Besides, it gives me great pleasure to occasionally treat my caregivers with a prize chipmunk tail.

Through my many years guarding the library steps, I have seen a thousand students evolve from overwhelmed first-years to confident new graduates. What a pleasure to be a part of their wonderful transformation! (I would say like the baby bird hatches from the egg, but why whet my appetite in the middle of the day?) That's the life of a library cat: chapters end, new ones begin.



**SQUEAKERS**

Squeakers, the Willet Memorial Library Cat-in-residence, is hardly a one-of-a-kind phenomenon. Library cats have been around for centuries, and currently greet patrons in almost 150 libraries across the country. Worldwide, 697 cats have been recorded as official library cats. Of the 573 on record in the US, 383 have passed away after serving their institutions well, 32 are permanent cats-in-residence, 22 have been immortalized as statues, five are virtual eCats, four are stuffed mascots, and one haunts a reference room as a ghost. All can be reached by email.

Library cats have appeared as characters in books and films. One award winning video by Gary Roma, *Puss in Books: Adventures of a Library Cat*, explores the lifestyles of cats who roam the stacks, curl up in library users' laps, and sleep on circulation desks. Some, like Kinky at the Kilbourn Public Library in Wisconsin, are deployed in rodent patrol. Others, like Dewey Readmore Books at the Spencer Public Library in Iowa, enjoy high profile professional roles of marketing and public relations. In short, the modern working cat plays a pivotal role in efforts to increase literacy awareness. Washington's Ocean Shores Library created its cat-in-residence position in 1999 after a survey revealed that 98 percent of the patrons favored a furry staff member.

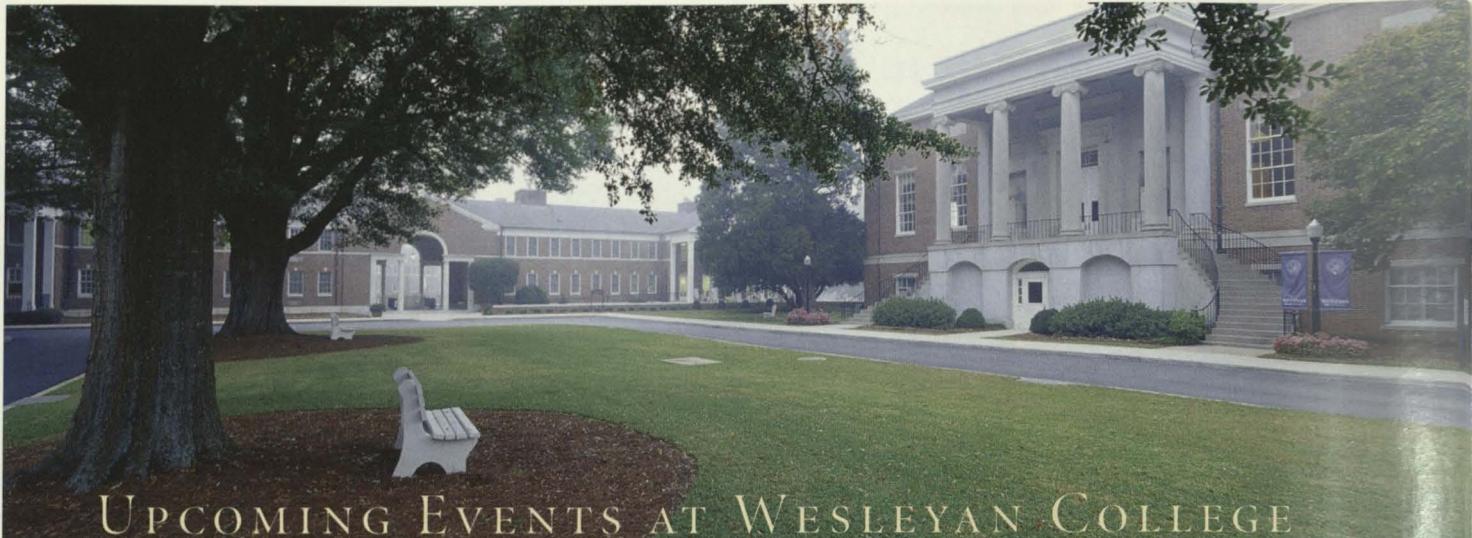
Roma, a Massachusetts-based documentary filmmaker, also designed and maintains a website devoted to library cats around the world. According to the site, library cats have been found in every state except Wyoming, South Dakota, and Delaware. While there are no known library cats in the Middle East and South America, Japan and Russia have their own, as do a number of European countries including Croatia, Latvia, Italy, Hungary, and The Netherlands.

Reggie, cat-in-residence at the Bryant Public Library in Sauk, Minnesota, inspired librarian Phyllis Lahti to found The Library Cat Society in 1987. Dozens of member libraries exchange information on their cats, most of whom were abandoned in parking lots or dumped in book-return chutes. According to the society's newsletter, the mission is to advocate the establishment of cats in libraries and recognize the need to respect and to care for library cats. Lahti also authored the anthology *Cats, Librarians, and Libraries: Essays for and About the Library Cat Society*.

Iowa's Dewey Readmore Books gives Dr. Seuss a run for the money, ranking as a national celebrity. The acting debut in *Puss in Books* landed him a spot as Mr. January in a national pin-up cat calendar plus a mention on nationally syndicated radio by broadcaster Paul Harvey, and as the subject of two book chapters — he has his own Library of Congress listing.

Through requests for birthday party appearances, stacks of fan mail and greeting cards, and designated web pages library cats receive well-earned respect and notoriety. Job responsibilities worldwide vary, but typically the role includes: rodent control, counseling, purveyor of book reviews, and companionship. On the whole, library cats garner the most press for positive literary interactions, although paparazzi have also shed light on some unfortunate professional episodes. For instance, L.C. a library cat-in-residence at the Escondido Public Library in California, was named in a 2001 \$1.5 million claim by Richard Espinosa against the City of Escondido for "lasting physical and emotional injury." According to Espinosa, L.C. attacked his assistance dog, which was charged with protecting him against panic attacks. Ultimately, the claim was dismissed as frivolous; but L.C. was forced into early retirement and died in October of 2003.

Willet's very own Squeakers has resided on Wesleyan College's campus for some twenty years. She has called the library home for the last eight years and has only recently found her way indoors to spend much of her time ensconced in a chair near the entrance, where she greets all who enter. Don't just stop with a scratch behind the ear, let Squeakers guide you to a wealth of information next time you visit our library. If she directs you to a really good read, tip her well...you guessed it, there's a donation can on the counter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT WESLEYAN COLLEGE

### RACE FOR THE CURE

Saturday, October 28, 2006

Wesleyan College. Race plus fun activities.

Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

For information on pre-event registration call (478) 757-5272.

### DESDEMONA, A PLAY ABOUT A HANDKERCHIEF

November 16, 17, & 18, 2006 - all shows start at 8PM

Grassmann-Porter Studio Theatre

Wesleyan's Theatre Department presents Paula Vogel's witty and moving play that riffs Shakespeare's Othello. \$8 full price, \$4 students and senior citizens. Reservations recommended; seating is limited.

(478) 757-5259.

### WESLEYAN'S ANNUAL FALL RECITAL

Monday, November 20, 2006 at 7PM Porter Auditorium

Featuring Wesleyan Music Students. Free & open to the public.

### WESLEYAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 3, 2006 at 4PM Porter Auditorium

Featuring the Wesleyan Concert Choir and the Wesleyannes.

Free & open to the public.

### 111TH STUNT

Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3, 2007 Porter Auditorium

### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL FINALE

Sunday, March 25, 2007 Great Lawn.

Bring a blanket and enjoy the closing celebration of the Cherry Blossom Festival with concerts, family activities, and fireworks. Free and open to the public.

### MUSICAL & OPERA SCENES

Friday, April 13, 2007 at 7:30PM Porter Auditorium

For more information call (478) 757-5259.

### SUNRISE SERVICES

Sunday, April 8, 2007 (6:30am or sunrise.) Great Lawn

An interdenominational worship service organized by five area churches. If rain occurs, the event will be held in Porter Auditorium. Free and open to the public. (478) 757-4023.

### WESLEYAN'S ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL

Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7PM Porter Auditorium

Featuring Wesleyan Music Students.

Free & open to the public.

### WESLEYAN'S ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 4PM Porter Auditorium

Featuring the Wesleyan Concert Choir and the Wesleyannes.

Free & open to the public.

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